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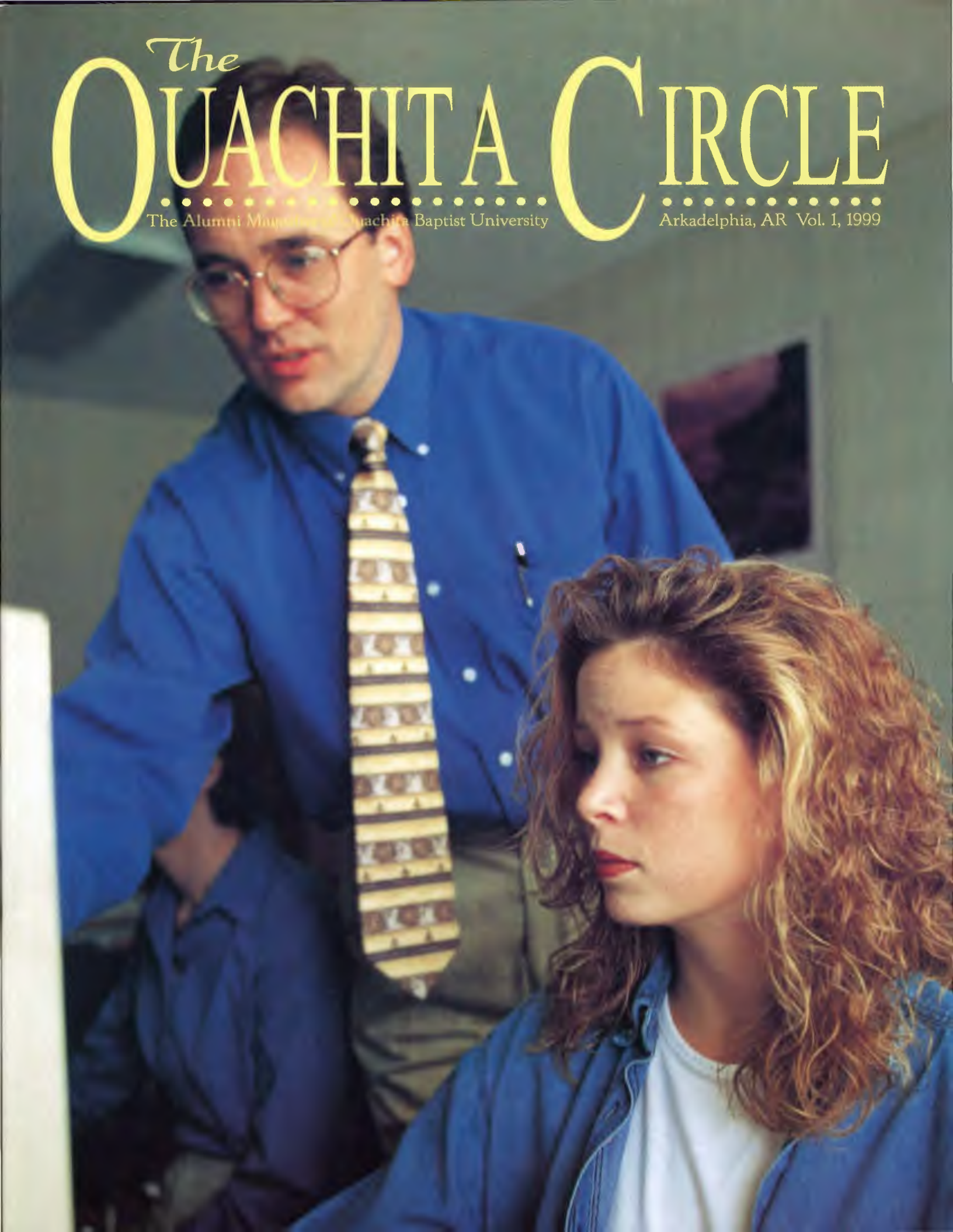
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# *The* OUACHITA CIRCLE

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## A Word from the President ...

Just in case you're wondering, the members of our faculty are doing a great job.

I received a letter last month from Dr. Neil Lutsky, professor of psychology at Carleton College and the president of the Society for the *Teaching of Psychology*, in which he expressed high praise for the work of Dr. Randy Smith, chair of our department of psychology and the editor of the journal, *Teaching of Psychology*. In part, Dr. Lutsky said:

I can summarize Professor Smith's contribution to teaching by noting that there is no more important role in the Society than Professor Smith's and there is no one who is doing more for the teaching of psychology than he. His vision, his conscientiousness, his editorial skill, his judgments of manuscript quality, his support of neophyte authors, and his ability to inspire the highest level of service from his editorial staff and reviewers make *Teaching of Psychology* the foremost journal of its type. Professor Smith is truly one of the treasures of our national community in the teaching of psychology.

In his commitment to excellence, Dr. Smith is linked to the generations of Ouachita faculty who have made important contributions to thousands of lives. As you have the opportunity to do so, I hope you'll pray for wisdom and strength for these men and women as they answer God's call at Ouachita.

As always, thank you for your friendship.

Andy Westmoreland

PRESIDENT  
Andrew Westmoreland

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*On the cover: Dr. Scott Duvall, dean of the School of Christian Studies, assists sophomore Rachel Winston with a software program in the religion computer lab.*

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# WIRED OUACHITA WORLD

Even during days dominated by trouble-shooting the challenges of today, Bill Phelps is never far away from a reminder of his role at Ouachita—charting the future of campus technology.

Phelps was given a day-planner by his office staff as a gift in honor of his January 1 promotion from assistant director to director of computer services. The first page of the planner holds Phelps' goals for technology at Ouachita.

With more than a third of the on-campus student population (expected to be more than half by fall) on line through their own personal computers and a common University network, the challenges of the present are plentiful, but Phelps knows the future always comes quickly when it comes to computer technology. The goals are there as a daily reminder to focus on the future.

"Billy Phelps has been a great asset in computer services for some time," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. "He's well-suited to his new position. Billy will bring us wise leadership as we attempt to provide the most effective technol-

ogy available."

That technology already includes an email account for every student enrolled at Ouachita, and the opportunity to send and receive email through a campus network available in every dorm room, in computer labs and in open-use computers located in Evans Student Center. Email is the tip of the iceberg, with on-line access to Riley-Hickbotham Library and world wide web access among other features on the network. New opportunities may include more convenient student access to their own financial and academic records.

Phelps may be planning Ouachita's future technology uses, but at one time his personal goals for the future had nothing to do with computers.

Nearing graduation from Ouachita and planning to attend law school, the newly-married history major needed a part-time job. With no computer experience, he landed a night job operating a computer at Citizen's First State Bank in Arkadelphia. He loved the work and soon began programming as a hobby. It became a business as Phelps began consulting for as many as seven different banks during the two

years immediately following his 1981 graduation.

In 1983, Bill Allen hired Phelps to return to Ouachita as a computer programmer. The two worked together until January 1, 1999, when Allen retired as director of computer services and Phelps was promoted.

"When I first came, Ouachita had one computer and seven terminals," said Phelps. "The computer was used mainly for academic and financial records. I was responsible for the administrative applications, which allowed us to enroll students, bill them, keep their grade records and run a payroll. The only other computer on campus was used for grant research in the natural sciences."

With the total number of computers on campus expected to reach 1,000 by fall, Phelps has seen the role of computer technology go from that of a luxury to an absolute necessity for everyone on campus. It's in such a busy atmosphere that written goals can help maintain a focus on quality.

Phelps' goals are straightforward and ambitious. He describes a need to improve the quality of service to students, faculty and staff; provide



strategic planning; provide training for faculty and staff to make optimum use of technology; more fully integrate technology in classrooms; and provide a safe and secure computer-user environment.

"I feel good about our quality of service now, but there is always room for improvement," said Phelps. "We want to expand our 'help desk,' communicate even more effectively with our students, faculty and staff, and supply more support options."

Strategic planning will get a boost from the newly-formed University Computer Committee, which brings together faculty and administrators for a broad look at technology needs. Increased training is underway with the fall 1998 addition of Marla Rigsby, a software specialist, to the computer services staff. Rigsby works with Ouachita's web pages and holds workshops on a variety of software packages.

In just a few years, the world wide web has found its way into not only faculty offices, but courses, as well.

"We didn't realize how much the internet is used in classes already until we had a brief outage," said Phelps. "The calls started coming in immediately from students who were near a deadline for web assignments in their courses."

Even with the action in this area, Phelps envisions more. "I'd like to see our campus become a technology center," Phelps said. "I'd like to see computer technology used in more of our course assignments and integrated even more in the curriculum as a whole."

Recognizing that technology must be respected and used wisely, Phelps wants to train students to think carefully about technology choices, especially related to the world wide web.

"Providing a safe and secure setting for technology use really just means explaining to students and faculty how to do business in a web environment,"

Phelps said. "I want to be sure we all understand the issues involved in access to the internet."

The goals themselves describe the challenging job of planning for the future and solving day-to-day problems as well. For success in that dual realm, Phelps credits his professional staff and a strong group of student workers.

In addition to Rigsby, Phelps leans on Lynn Bursley as office manager, John Selph as the campus network manager, John Hill and Becky Sergeant as programmers, and Sheila Baker as coordinator of the Help Desk. Sheila works with students to see that responses are made to service calls. Carla Robinson responds to problems in the campus computer labs and follows up service calls.

"Student workers are an important part of the office," said Phelps. "We pick students who demonstrate a willingness to work and an aptitude for it. Then we reward them with a 19-hour work week, and they really do the bulk of the trouble shooting."

Formulated through feedback he's received from students, faculty and staff, Phelps' goals focus on finding and utilizing the most effective forms of technology. That's an ongoing and ever changing process in communications technology. The day-planner is likely to be full.



**ON LINE •** Buck Webb, a senior from Springdale, works on a project on his personal computer in Anthony Hall. **COMPUTER ASSISTANCE •** Bill Phelps, director of computer services, assists student-worker Aaron Loetscher with a computer program.

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• Jeff Root



## ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

# Kresge provides additional funds for Science Initiative

Ouachita is pleased to announce a \$225,000 gift from the Kresge Foundation, as part of the Kresge Foundation's Science Initiative.

The Kresge Foundation previously awarded Ouachita a \$225,000 challenge grant for the purchase of new equipment, and promised an additional \$225,000 conditioned upon Ouachita raising \$900,000 by December 1, 1998. The initial gift was used to provide new equip-

**"This Kresge Science Initiative will make a tremendous impact on the quality of education students will receive within the Division of Natural Science."**

**• Dr. Joe Jeffers**

ment for the rooms within the Division of Natural Science. The most recent \$225,000 gift from Kresge, as well as the funds raised by Ouachita, has been designated as endowment.

"We were thrilled to inform the Kresge Foundation that we surpassed our challenge goal of \$900,000," said Joe Franz, vice president for development.

"Thanks to the Kresge Foundation, and thanks to the generosity of Ouachita graduates and former students from the Division of Natural Science, we now have valuable new equipment in our classrooms, and we have raised over \$1,125,000 in endowment to maintain and upgrade the equipment."

The faculty from the Division of Natural Science, along with alumni who served as class chairpersons, played a key role in contacting alumni and former students. Dr. Joe Jeffers, the W.D. and Alice Burch Professor of Chemistry and Pre-Medical Studies, stated, "This Kresge Science Initiative will make a tremendous impact on the quality of education students will receive within the Division of Natural Science. I am most grateful to all who made this possible."

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### The Grady M. and Thelma C. Baker Endowed Scholarship Fund

Established by Quintas A. and Betty B. Crews, this scholarship honors the memory of her parents, Grady and Thelma Baker. Recipients must be majoring in classes offered through the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business, and first priority will be given to students from Howard County, Arkansas. Second priority for scholarship awards will be given to students from southwest Arkansas.

### The Mary Elizabeth Webb Camp Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is established by Mr. John M. Camp, Jr., Mrs. Lawrence M. Johnson, and Mrs. Charles Lee Smith, Jr., to honor the memory of their mother, Mrs. Mary Webb Camp. Mrs. Camp was a student at Ouachita in the early 1900s. Recipients must meet the academic standards of the University for scholarship qualification and must be good citizens of the campus community.

### The Fred and Kay Hardwick Endowment

Fred and Kay Hardwick have established an endowment to create two separate scholarship funds to assist full-time students enrolled at Ouachita. One of the funds will benefit business students (the Hardwick Endowed Business Scholarship Fund), and the other fund will benefit student-athletes playing on the baseball team (the Hardwick Endowed Baseball Scholarship Fund). Recipients of the Hardwick Endowed Business Scholarship Fund must be exceptional students in the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business, and recipients of the Hardwick Endowed Baseball Scholarship Fund must be student-athletes of exceptional ability in academics and athletics, who are members of the Ouachita baseball team.

### The Ree and Gordon Palmer Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is established by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Palmer of Union, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer established the scholarship to provide resources for attracting exceptionally qualified students to Ouachita from northeast Arkansas. Melbaree Lands Palmer is a 1949 graduate of Ouachita. First priority for scholarship awards will be given to students from Greene County, Arkansas, second priority to students from northeast Arkansas, and third priority to other students meeting the required guidelines.

### The Ethel Smith Thompson Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is established with a bequest from the estate of Ethel Smith Thompson. The recipient of the scholarship must be a worthy student of good character, a good citizen of the campus community, a full-time student, have a 3.0 grade point average in high school, and be in need of financial assistance. The University Scholarship Committee will select the recipient.

### The Austin Wingfield Endowed Scholarship Fund

The family of Austin and Ola Merle Wingfield have established a fund to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students enrolled at Ouachita. Recipients must meet the academic standards of the University for scholarship qualification, be good citizens of the campus community, and be a graduate of Arkadelphia (Arkansas) High School. Priority will be given to students who are pursuing a major within the Frank D. Hickingbotham School of Business.

### The Horace & Edith Grigson-O.W. Yates Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is established by Horace and Edith Grigson to honor the memory of O.W. Yates, a professor of religion at Ouachita from 1934-1946. The scholarship is given because of Dr. Yates' commitment to Christian education and to his students. The recipient must be preparing for a career in a church-related vocation primarily as a pastor, preacher, or missionary. The students must be majoring within the School of Christian Studies.

# Gresham family gifts provide OSF scholarships

An additional annual scholarship has been added to the Russell and Ina Miller Endowed Scholarship Fund at Ouachita.

The gift from John S. "Rip" and Carol Miller Gresham completed an initial endowed scholarship in the name of the Millers and added a second scholarship. Both will be awarded yearly by the Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF), a student organization that Carol Miller Gresham helped create.

"The Greshams' gift will provide needed financial aid for our students, and it's a meaningful way to honor the Millers," said Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. "Carol's parents are longtime Ouachitonians, and it's a fitting tribute that their names always will be connected to the University."

Joe Franz, vice president for development, said establishing and increasing

endowed scholarships is of paramount importance to Ouachita.

"These endowed scholarships provide immediate financial assistance for a great number of our students, and they will increase substantially in value as time goes on," Franz said. "I sincerely appreciate the Greshams for their wonderful gift."

The two scholarships, one designated with a preference for a music major and the other for a business major, will be awarded by the scholarship committee of OSF. The student organization was founded for the purpose of raising scholarship funds for upperclassmen and is the only student organization at Ouachita with the responsibility of awarding scholarships.

Carol Miller Gresham was a charter member of OSF and served as president

of the group during its second year.

"I have a real love for OSF - for what it stands for," said Carol. "The concept of providing scholarship money for juniors and seniors who need help so they can finish their careers at Ouachita is something I believe in."

She also was pleased to find a way to honor her parents that also honored Ouachita.

"Ouachita is part of my family life and always has been," said Carol. "My parents met as freshmen in 1948, and Ouachita has been important to them ever since. As a child, I was on campus on a regular basis. They instilled a love of Ouachita in me. I knew I wanted to go to Ouachita and major in music long before I graduated from high school."

· Jeff Root

## First Terry Minority Leadership Scholarship awarded

Ouachita has awarded its first A. William Terry Minority Leadership Scholarship to Knaudia Bridges, a senior political science and sociology major from Little Rock.

"There couldn't be a more appropriate way to remember a man who gave so much of himself for the education of others," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. "Knaudia is a perfect match as this scholarship's first recipient. She's an excellent student, and she'll become a leader in her field, just as Rev. Terry was."

"I am very pleased to be the first recipient of this scholarship," said Bridges. "This is an excellent school academically. I hope to one day be able to fund a minority scholarship at Ouachita myself. I am honored to have a scholarship in Rev. Terry's name."

Rev. A. William Terry was a Baptist minister, an educator and a community and state leader. He was active throughout his life in community and civil rights issues. Terry ventured outside the state to march with Martin Luther King, Jr., and never ceased to work for improved race relations in Arkadelphia and across the South. Locally, Terry served as presi-



**PRESENTATION** • Knaudia Bridges receives the first A. William Terry Minority Leadership Scholarship from President Andrew Westmoreland. Also pictured are Romanetha Terry, widow of Rev. A. William Terry, and Rev. Llewellyn Terry.

dent of the Arkadelphia chapter of the NAACP.

He also was president of the Arkadelphia Ministerial Alliance. Terry served as pastor at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Arkadelphia, Greater Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Arkadelphia, New Hope Baptist Church in Altheimer, Ark., and Corinth Baptist Church in Sherrill, Ark.

After graduating from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Terry taught in the public schools of Malvern, El Dorado, Crossett and Hickory Plains. He completed a master's degree from Ouachita in 1972. For years thereafter, Terry lent his expertise to a number of special

programs housed at Ouachita, including the Arkansas Technical Assistance and Consultative (ATAC) Center, which specialized in helping Arkansas' schools work through desegregation problems.

Following Terry's death, several of his friends and colleagues began to talk about a scholarship program in his name at Ouachita. A scholarship campaign was organized under the direction of Rev. Dwight McKissic, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church

in Arlington, Texas, as chair and John Ware, former city manager of Dallas, Texas, as honorary chair. Other campaign officers included: Rev. Llewellyn Terry, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church and son of A. William Terry, as friends/family/churches chair; Euodias Goza, vice president of Mercantile Bank of Central Arkansas, as alumni co-chair; and Dr. Lewis Shepherd, director of TRIO programs at Ouachita, as alumni co-chair.

For more information about the A. William Terry Minority Leadership Scholarship at Ouachita, contact Joe Franz, vice president for development, at 870-245-5169.

· Jeff Root



## —Newsmakers—



**Dr. Jay Curlin**, assistant professor of English, has been notified of the acceptance of an essay he wrote for inclusion in a national collection.

The work is titled "An Equal Poise of Hope and Fear: A Fraternal Harmony of Extremes," an essay included in the "Areas of Conflict: Milton and the Unfettered Mind," which has recently been named the Best Collection of Essays on Milton by the Milton Society.



Sim Flora

**Dr. Sim Flora**, associate professor of music, and **Dr. Patrick Houlihan**, associate professor of music, recently participated in the 1998 Composers Symposium in Nashville, Tenn. Each presented one composition that was performed for critique. Both professors have recently had compositions published by Monarch Music.



Patrick Houlihan

Flora also served recently as a guest soloist with the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America's Jazz Ensemble, the Shades of Blue, at a concert held in conjunction with the Arkansas Bandmasters Association.



**Dr. Isaac Mwase**, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, recently had five reviews published in the summer 1998 edition of the "Review and Expositor,"

a Baptist theological journal.

Books included in his reviews are: "The Evidential Argument From Evil" by Daniel Howard-Snyder; "We Shall All Be Changed: Social Problems and Theological Renewal" by James H. Evans; "Another Day's Journey: Black Churches Confronting the American Crisis" by Robert M. Franklin; and "Civil Rights and Social Wrongs: Black-White Relations Since World War II" by John Higham.

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# Faculty, staff organize book discussion groups

While college students sometimes complain about spending countless hours on massive amounts of required reading assignments for classes, many Ouachita professors are voluntarily reading extra-curricular material.

Faculty and staff have the opportunity to participate in two different book discussion groups throughout the course of each academic year. According to Dr. Randall Wight, professor of psychology, "It allows us to build a sense of community among ourselves and just have a good time."

One group, known as the Gutenberg Conspiracy, has been in existence for more than 20 years. Named after Johann Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press, the group meets monthly over a brown bag lunch to discuss the agreed upon book.

"Any type of book is acceptable," said Dr. Edwina Thedford, associate professor of music and leader of the Gutenberg Conspiracy. Thedford compiles a list of suggested books and the participants vote on the ones they would like to read. They read books from all genres and disciplines. From that point on, "anything goes."

A volunteer leader facilitates the

month's discussion, but everyone is welcome to share their views and insights. "You get to know people a lot better when you start talking like that. Plus, it's a lot of fun," Thedford said.

A second campus discussion group stemmed from an effort to prepare for chapel speaker Dr. Cornelius Plantinga's recent visit to campus. Selected faculty members from various disciplines were asked to read Plantinga's latest book and meet to discuss it. "We just had such a good time that we decided to continue it," said Wight who is the leader of the group.

The group reads a chapter a week and comes together for discussion on Friday afternoons. "Reading changes cognitive structure. Nothing improves your thought process faster than reading and being forced to discuss it with your peers," said Wight.

The group, comprised of a mixture of faculty and administrative staff members, are forthright about their views. They do not merely talk about the plot of the book or the ideas behind the plot, they dive into deep, complex discussions. "We never realized we were hungry for this type of thing," Wight explained.

• Rachel Deckelman



**SERVICE AWARD** • President Andrew Westmoreland presents Donnie Bettis with a Worthy Ouachitonian Award at the faculty-staff banquet held last fall. Known as "Donnie the Coke Man" by Ouachita students throughout the years, Bettis is an employee of Coca-Cola. The University honored Bettis not only for his service of providing soft drinks to the campus, but for always bringing cheerful greetings to the campus community.

# Ouachita among institutions listed as America's Best College Buys

Ouachita has recently been named in "America's Best College Buys 2000."

Annually, Institutional Research and Evaluation Inc. (IRE) from Gainesville, Georgia, identifies the 100 American colleges and universities that provide students the highest quality in education at the lowest cost.

Thirty-seven private and 63 public institutions from 37 states met the requirements for recognition in the eighth annual edition of the publication.

"A college or university does not have to be expensive to be good," said Lewis T.

Lindsey, president of IRE. "Prospective students and their parents should not automatically think that to get a quality education they must pay a high cost. It is amazing that the schools, such as Ouachita, listed in the report can consistently, year after year, deliver a quality education at a cost that is within every student's reach."

In the 1998-99 school year, students attending a school named as a Best College Buy saved an average of \$2,399 over the national average cost of one year of college. Rachel Deckelman

## Ouachitonian named Gold Medalist

The 1998 Ouachitonian yearbook recently received a Gold Medalist Award from Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA), the highest award given in the association's annual critique of college and university publications.

CSPA, an association of student newspapers, yearbooks and magazines from throughout the world, is located at Columbia University in New York City.

Each yearbook entered in the critique is eligible to earn an additional citation as All-Columbian for special merit in concept, coverage, writing, design, and photography. These honors are given only when the publication has achieved the 95th percentile or higher in each of the five categories. The Ouachitonian received three of these

honors for outstanding merit in design, coverage and photography.

"I am extremely proud of the Ouachitonian staff for achieving such a prestigious honor," said Dr. Deborah Root, assistant professor of mass communications and director of development publications, who also serves as the Ouachitonian adviser. "Our staff is very dedicated to producing a quality yearbook for our campus community. I see day after day how hard these students work, and I am pleased their work has been honored at a national level."

Jennifer Hillman Goode, a secondary education/mass communications major from Almyra, served as editor of the yearbook, which had as its theme "Time to Shine."

## Health Fair provides screenings

The Health Services Office hosted its annual Health Fair in February. The fair offered a variety of booths with health care information.

The information booths included sports injury prevention by Chance DeRouen, head athletic trainer; American Red Cross; American Lung Association; community counseling services; dental health; Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency; OBU counseling services; Arkadelphia Massage Therapy; Arkansas for Drug Free Youth; and the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney office for information on rape prevention and campus safety issues.

The screenings available included:

hearing, by the department of speech communication and communication disorders; diet analysis, by the department of family and consumer sciences; allergies, by the Little Rock Allergy and Asthma Clinic; vision, by Arkansas Eye Surgery; cholesterol and body composition and blood pressure, by Baptist Medical Center-Arkadelphia; and hemoglobin, blood sugar and weight, by the Clark County Health Unit. Baptist Medical Center brought its mobile unit for cholesterol and body composition screenings.

"The purpose of the health fair is that this is the prime time to develop quality health habits," said Molly Wallace, director of health services.

## —Newsmakers—



**Dr. Dave Ozmun**, assistant professor of communications and public relations associate, presented a paper at the Broadcast Education Association

(BEA) national conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

The paper, titled "Reassessing the Army-McCarthy Hearings: Live Television's Impact on the Fate of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy," placed second in the open category of the 1999 BEA competition.

It discusses the live coverage of the Army-McCarthy Hearings and the television coverage of McCarthy's years in the Senate. Ozmun used literature review and secondary analysis of polling and census data to suggest in his paper that live broadcasts at the time did not necessarily achieve the results credited them by many broadcast history textbooks.

The BEA convention is held annually in conjunction with the National Association of Broadcasters convention. The paper was submitted to the History Division of the BEA.



**Dr. Caroline Henderson**, associate professor of music, recently received several regional honors in her academic discipline.

Henderson was invited to perform at the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors Fourth Symposium (NACWPI) in January 1999 at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. She performed two works for the saxophone and marimba with Dr. Kenneth Broadway, director of percussion studies at the University of Florida.

Henderson was also selected to present a clinic on the "Assessment of Collegiate Music Majors" with Dr. David Wilborn, director of bands at Fort Hays State University in Fort Hays, Kan., while at the symposium.

Three CD reviews of Henderson's work appeared in the fall 1998 issue of the NACWPI Journal. The journal is the official publication of the organization.

# Benson retires after 38 years of service; Sharp named University's athletic director

Buddy Benson, athletic director and former longtime head football coach for Ouachita, set a date for his retirement, and David Sharp, defensive coordinator for the Tiger football team, will be the new AD.

Sharp, who played and coached under Benson, worked with his mentor during the spring semester and will take over as athletic director on June 1, 1999.

Benson will end a formal association with Ouachita that began in 1961, when he was hired as an assistant football coach. He became head coach four years later and kept the job for 31 years. Benson compiled a record of 162-140-8. He is a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame and the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame. When Benson retired from coaching, he was ranked as the second winningest active coach in the NAIA.

Benson has served as athletic director at Ouachita since 1996. In that role he took part

in Ouachita's move from NAIA athletics to the Lone Star Conference in NCAA Division II.

four decades of the great things that can be accomplished when one dedicates himself to the task at hand."



**Benson**



**Sharp**

**"David Sharp combines an intimate knowledge of our athletic program, a healthy respect for its history and an ability to look to its future."**

**President Andrew Westmoreland**

"Buddy Benson has left an indelible mark on this institution," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president. "His integrity, his talent and his heart have enriched us all. He's provided an example for the past

Sharp signed with the Tigers in 1976 out of Douglas High School in Douglas, Ariz. To aid the long-distance recruiting, Benson reminded Sharp he has deep ties to Ouachita. David's older brother,

Paul, now head football coach at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, played football at Ouachita, as did their father, Ike. Following retirement from public school administration in New Mexico, Ike Sharp and his Ouachita classmate and wife, Billie, returned to Ouachita as residence hall directors.

David Sharp played offensive tackle and kicker for the Tigers from 1976 to 1979. As a player, he was named to the All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference team. Benson hired him as an assistant coach in 1982, and Sharp became defensive coordinator in 1986.

"David Sharp combines an intimate knowledge of our athletic program, a healthy respect for its history and an ability to look to its future," said Westmoreland. "Under David's leadership, the athletic program will be a strong, vital part of our campus community."

· Jeff Root

## "Red" Parker resigns as head football coach

Jimmy "Red" Parker resigned as head football coach at Ouachita. Parker said he planned to give his immediate attention to private business concerns, but indicated he did plan to coach again.

Parker, one of the state's veteran coaches and member of the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, has been a head football coach at the high school, NAIA, and NCAA Division I and II levels. He coached the Ouachita Tigers for three years, completing a transition from NAIA to NCAA Division II.

"Coach Parker helped us through a difficult transition as we moved to the Lone Star



Conference in NCAA Division II," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president. "We are grateful for his formidable skill as a coach. He has made an important contribu-

tion to Ouachita's athletic program."

Ouachita suffered through an injury-riddled 1998 season, finishing 3-7. The disappointing year fol-

lowed seasons of 3-7 and 4-6 in Parker's first two years as head coach of the Tigers.

"I'm so proud of our hard-working young coaches and the players who gave so much of themselves, especially this year," said Parker. "We were almost an outstanding team, but the determining factors were both the bulk of injuries and injuries to key players.

"I enjoyed working first with Dr. Elrod and then with Dr. Westmoreland, and I've also renewed an old friendship with Buddy Benson," said Parker. "I do desire to coach again. It's my love and my passion."

· Jeff Root

# Knight returns to lead Tigers

Todd Knight, head coach of Gulf South Conference (GSC) champion Delta State University and 1998 GSC Coach-of-the-Year, returned to his alma mater as head football coach at Ouachita.

Knight and Ouachita President Andrew Westmoreland made the announcement at a Jan. 22 press conference in Little Rock.

Westmoreland described the hiring of Knight as the beginning of a proud, new era for the Ouachita football program.

"Coach Knight exemplifies everything we were looking for in a head coach," said Westmoreland. "His teams win games and championships, his players graduate, and he believes in the mission of our University. Todd Knight loves his alma mater, and he's coming back to make it a winner again."

For Knight, it was a heart-wrenching decision to leave Delta State, where he led the Statesmen to their first-ever Gulf South Conference Championship and first post-season action since 1959.

"It's difficult to leave a championship program, especially the 22 seniors, but I do feel like it's time and this is what I'm supposed to do," said Knight. "The commitment Ouachita is making to strengthen the athletic program will make it possible to win. I'm excited about coming home to be a part of a great university."

Knight said he was anxious to meet the returning players for the Tigers, and planned to begin recruiting immediately.

"We are behind at this point, but we'll work hard. We've got to put the staff together, and I need to talk to the deans and the faculty about



what they look for in students at Ouachita. We'll recruit kids who will be successful."

After decades of NAIA football as a member of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, Ouachita has competed for three years in the Lone Star Conference of NCAA Division II. Despite compiling a record of 10-20 in the past three seasons, Westmoreland said he is convinced Ouachita can become a winner.

"We've made the commitment to have a successful Division II program," Westmoreland said. "But, a successful program not only wins games, it graduates players. It represents the values of the school. Coach Knight is a perfect fit for Ouachita because he believes in a complete program, one that is successful on and off the field."

Under Knight, Delta State football players had the highest graduation rate among Mississippi's four-year institutions.

"The keys to graduating players are recruiting kids who want to be successful and having quality instruction. Ouachita has a strong faculty, so we'll have a good program. It's not all about championships; a good program is also about relationships and the opportunity to graduate and be successful," Knight said.

Knight's 1998 Delta State team finished 8-3, including an 8-1 record in the Gulf South. The conference record represented the best winning percentage in GSC games in Delta State history. The two non-conference losses included the opener against NCAA Division I-AA Southwestern Texas State University and a heart-breaker against Fort Valley State (Ga.) in the first round of the Division II playoffs.

Knight has been head coach at Delta State in Cleveland, Miss., since 1993. His six-year conference record was 25-24-1, including wins in 11 of his last 12 GSC games. His overall record was 28-32-2. He began his coaching career at Delta State in 1988 after serving as a graduate assistant there. In 1990, he moved to the University of Texas at El Paso, where he coached offensive linemen and running backs before returning to DSU. He has coached six All-Americans and 30 All-Gulf South Conference players, including four of the last five Gulf South rushing champions.

Knight played at Ouachita under long-time head coach Buddy Benson, who gave up coaching to become Ouachita's athletic director in 1996. Benson will retire in May, turning over his duties to David Sharp, who has coached football at Ouachita since 1982.

Knight is a graduate of Star City High School. He graduated from Ouachita in 1986, where he majored in health, physical education and recreation. He completed a master's degree at Delta State in 1987. He and his wife, Julie, are the parents of Casey, 8, Spencer, 6, and Jacob, 3.

• Jeff Root

## Knight builds Tiger football coaching staff

Shortly after signing on with Ouachita after a successful stint as head coach at Delta State University, new head coach Todd Knight hired three assistant coaches. They are Deron Huerkamp, assistant head coach; Ken Wheaton, offensive coordinator; and Jay Derby, position coach.

Wheaton returned to his hometown of Arkadelphia after several years coaching in the Texas high school ranks. He was Arkadelphia High School's head coach until after the 1995 season when he returned to Texas. He was an assistant coach at Mt. Pleasant High School and Lake Highlands High School in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex before becoming head coach at Nacogdoches High School.

Huerkamp comes to Ouachita from Delta State where he was the offensive coordinator for six years under Knight. Huerkamp was also the strength and conditioning program leader, a position he will retain at Ouachita.

Huerkamp is a native of Decatur, Ala., and played college football at both Auburn and Livingston College, now West Alabama University. He coached defensive line at Livingston, and had graduate assistant positions at both the University of Mississippi and UTEP.

Derby is also following Knight from Delta State, where he coached tight ends, wide receivers, and special teams. Derby is a native of Greensboro, N.C., and played collegiately at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C.

After graduation, he was an assistant at Guilford before joining Knight at Delta State for the last five years.



# *"As Water Reflects a Face, So a Man's Heart Reflects the Man"*

A further emphasis on stressing the Christian fervor on campus through a concentrated period of corporate and individual worship, singing, fellowship, and spiritual growth seminars was the goal of the annual Christian Focus Week.



• Billy James Foote

CFW is sponsored annually by the Baptist Student Union (BSU) and is meant to be not only a week of renewal, but also a time for celebration of Christian heritage.

Ian Cosh, assistant to the president for community development; Kevin Inman, director of campus ministries and the BSU; Julie Wilson coordinator of the BSU; and Brandi Womack, assistant director of campus ministries, worked with three student leaders to coordinate the week's

activities.

The theme of this year's program was "As Water Reflects a Face, So a Man's Heart Reflects the Man" from Proverbs 27:19. The student leaders felt that the verse was symbolic of their feelings on the importance this week had on students' lives. "Water has the ability to give a mirror image of many objects," said student leader Brent Gambill of Paragould, a sophomore political science major. "Our hearts, in the same way, have the ability to reflect the goals, ambitions, and desires of our lives."

"Our purpose was to challenge the students through the week and challenge them with the theme through the speakers at the seminars," said Gambill.

The featured speaker of the week and the J. E. Berry Lecturer was Voddie Baucham, founder of his own evangelistic enterprise and staff evangelist at Sugar Creek Baptist Church in Sugar Land, Texas.

Billy James Foote, singer/songwriter and experienced worship leader, led the morning worship services of CFW.

Activities during the week included afternoon seminars, the International Food Festival, a midnight breakfast, a sacred music concert, and daily chapel services.



• Voddie Baucham



• International Food Fest



# Kluck Student Enrichment Grants provide funding for student activities

The Kluck Student Enrichment Grant Fund at Ouachita was recently established to enhance existing programs related to student activities.

The program is affiliated with the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community (CFC).

Dr. Wesley Kluck of Arkadelphia, a local pediatrician and a 1977 graduate of Ouachita, founded the grant program to help students in funding campus program needs.

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**Ian Cosh**

great appreciation for the creative spark that college students carry," said Ian Cosh, director of the CFC and assistant to the president for community relations. "Toward that end, he has generously provided a means by which Ouachita can fund projects and activities that the students believe will benefit their peers."

The awarding of funds is based on the recommendation of a committee. The President of the University will make the final decision regarding the proposals.

All clubs and organizations have the opportunity to apply for grant funding.

Individual students also may apply for the purpose of promoting a specific agenda, but top priority will be given to proposals which maximize overall campus community involvement and enhance student growth academically, spiritually, socially, or physically. *Whitney Moore*

## Granade receives fellowship from Pew Younger Scholar Program

Andrew Granade of Arkadelphia, a senior majoring in history and piano performance, is among 10 college and university students from around the nation to be named a 1999 Pew Younger Scholar Program Fellow for Graduate Fellowships.

Granade was the only student from an Arkansas school chosen for the prestigious fellowship.

The \$39,000, three-year graduate fellowships are portable to top-ranked Ph.D. programs in the humanities, the social sciences and the theological/biblical disciplines.

This year almost 100 students, nationally, competed for the awards. The students go through a rigorous application process after which 20 finalists are brought together to be interviewed by a committee of university scholars representing a variety of disciplines.

The Pew Younger Scholars Program seeks to nurture the next generation of Christian intellectuals by encouraging talented students from a select list of Christian colleges and universities to pursue scholarly vocations. There are currently 50 Fellows in top-ranked doctoral programs across the country.

At Ouachita, Granade is a member of the Pew College Society chapter, the Carl Goodson Honors Program, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Rough Draft drama ministry; OBU Wind Ensemble; Ouachita Symphonic Band, and is a Big Brother to the Gamma Phi women's social club.

His parents are Dr. Ray and Ronnie Granade of Arkadelphia.

## Phonathon raises record \$95,000

Ouachita recently concluded a highly successful National Phonathon, raising a record \$95,000.

"The phonathon provides a great opportunity for our students to interact directly with those people who play such a vital role in helping build Ouachita into one of the premier liberal arts schools in the south," said Bryan McKinney, general counsel and development officer, who also serves as director of the annual fund.

During February for the past four years, student volunteers have called on Ouachita friends, former students, and alumni to ask for support through gifts to the Annual Fund.

This year, more than 120 students volunteered their time to call alumni and former students across the country. Businesses in Arkadelphia provided prizes that were



**STUDENT VOLUNTEERS •** Students earned freebies from fun toys to gift certificates for their efforts in raising money.

awarded to the student volunteers throughout the phonathon. Rachel Deckelman, a sophomore from Olive Branch, MS, raised the most dollars at \$9,600, and Staci Robertson, a sophomore from Bryant, recorded the most number of pledges at 145.

Over 30 faculty/staff members assisted in supervising the student callers and compiling statistics.

According to Joe Franz, vice president for develop-

ment, "Gifts to the Annual Fund are crucial to the fiscal stability of the institution. In addition to the immediate financial impact, gifts to the Annual Fund increase our chances of receiving funds from national foundations and corporations." Foundations and corporations are keenly interested in the support a university receives from its alumni. Last year, 32 percent of Ouachita's alumni provided financial support.

## Campus BRIEFS

◆ Fifty-five Ouachita music students claimed regional honors at the Arkansas State National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Regional Conference March 5-6.

Eleven Ouachita students advanced to the final round of auditions. Five of the eleven students received first place honors. They were: Jenna Williams, a music major from El Dorado, freshman women category; Adam Langley, a music major from Bryant, freshman men category; Jenny Sherman, a music major from Carrollton, Texas, sophomore women category; Kristin Maddox, a music education major from Ponca City, Oklahoma, senior women category; and Bryan Bailey, a sophomore music major from Plano, Texas, upper division music theatre category.

◆ Words of encouragement and information for the class of 1999 were the focus of the annual Senior Dinner held Friday, March 5. The dinner is an opportunity for the Former Students Association to congratulate the senior class, welcome them as soon-to-be alumni, and to wish them well as they prepare for graduation.

This year's speaker was Paul White, a 1989 graduate who serves as vice president and general counsel for the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. His speech was titled, "Life 10 Years After College."

Sarah Freeman, a biology major from Little Rock, addressed the seniors prior to White's speech. Mike Kolb, director of career planning and placement, offered advice on job placement, and Wesley Kluck, FSA Tiger Network chair, provided information about the Tiger Network.

# Best musicians in state form Arkansas Intercollegiate Band

Every college and university band program in Arkansas was represented when the Arkansas Intercollegiate Band performed at Ouachita Saturday, January 30.

The best college players in the state, representing about 10 percent of the total band enrollment for each school, came together January 29 for chair placement auditions and rehearsals with guest conductor Eugene Corporon, director of wind studies at the University of North Texas and one of the nation's leading conductors.

After extensive rehearsals on Saturday, the band was in concert in the Harvey and Bernice Jones Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Craig Hamilton, director of bands at Ouachita and the Arkansas State Chair of the College Band Director's National Association, was the coordinator of the event. He said he hopes it will become

an annual affair.

"The fact that we had students from every college with a band program in Arkansas is a testimony to the excitement we band directors have about this opportunity," said

that most of them could never produce on their own.

"Together we had the ability to bring in a top conductor like Eugene Corporon," said Hamilton. "That's an experience that most of the students

would never have otherwise."

Colleges and universities represented in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Band were: Arkansas Tech University, Harding University, Henderson State University, Hendrix College, Ouachita Baptist University, Southern Arkansas University, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, the Uni-

versity of Arkansas at Monticello, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, the University of Central Arkansas, and Westark College.

"We have several great college bands in Arkansas and not many people realize it," said Hamilton. "This was a way to blow our own horns, so to speak."

**"We were able to enjoy blending many of our best players into a great band, and the result reflects positively on the quality of Arkansas' college band programs generally, as well as on each college individually."**

**Dr. Craig Hamilton**

Hamilton. "It's a win-win situation for all of us. We were able to enjoy blending many of our best players into a great band, and the result reflects positively on the quality of Arkansas' college band programs generally, as well as on each college individually." By pooling their resources, the band directors created opportunities

## MISS OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



**MISS OBU • Jennifer Crawley** (center), a freshman piano performance major from Benton, was crowned 1999 Miss OBU by the 1998 Miss OBU, Lisa Akins (right), at the pageant held March 6. She will represent the University at the Miss Arkansas Pageant to be held June 16-19 in Hot Springs. She was sponsored by the EEE Women's Social Club. Placing as first runner-up was Lauren McNair (left), a freshman communication disorders major from Fayetteville; second runner-up was Beth Gray, a freshman music major from Little Rock; and Suzanne Duncan, a freshman mass communications major from Little Rock, was named Miss Congeniality.

# Transerve to note community service

Ouachita has recently implemented a new program titled Transerve which notes service to the community on a student's official transcript.

The program allows Ouachita students who are involved in more than 20 hours of community service a semester to distinguish their involvement on the official transcript.

Ian Cosh, assistant to the president for community development and director of the Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community at Ouachita, is the director of the new program. "The Transerve program revolves around an individual voluntarily taking the initiative to secure an approved project and the University, in turn, recognizing that service by placing it on

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**Ian Cosh**

their transcript," he said.

"We feel that having community service noted on a student's transcript will send a strong positive message to employers on a service mentality of the student," he said. "Ouachita will allow students, within certain guidelines and qualifications, to choose and manage their service."

Special service activities to be considered for Transerve include: service at a non-profit agency; service at a for-profit

organization whose mission involves meeting social service needs of the community; church sponsored service where the goal is meeting social needs; government sponsored service at federal, state and local levels; independent service projects in areas where human needs exist; the coordination of fund-

raising activities with direct interaction with a non-profit beneficiary; service performed as part of a service-learning course required internship; and work in non-partisan political organizations and campaigns.

"I think the Transerve program is another point of light for cultivating meaningful student development," Cosh said. "It is a win-win situation for all involved."

• Alie Hill

## Mitchell organ finds home in Brazilian church

Its former home has been razed for a new science complex and the hymns are in Portuguese now, instead of English, but to David Petty, the tones coming from the 1946 Kilgen organ are just as true as ever.

The organ, which had been played in concerts and chapel services at Ouachita's

Mitchell Hall for generations of students, has been restored and is now being used daily at First Baptist Church in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

"I want people to know that the organ is making a real difference in the lives of Christians in Sao Paulo," said Petty. "They have daily mid-day services and morning and evening services on Sunday.



**SECOND HOME** • Pictured with the organ once housed in Mitchell Hall are the pastor of First Baptist Church in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Dr. Julia Brown, organist.

The organ is played seven days a week, 365 days a year. They love it."

Petty first learned of the organ in 1988, eight years after it had ceased to be used. After receiving permission, Petty and his father, Bill (1952), removed the organ piece by piece over a two-month period. For the next five years, it was stored in a variety of places,

finally landing in Chicago.

Petty, a businessman who travels extensively in Central and South America, found a home for the organ in 1993. The following year, it arrived in Sao Paulo, where it was restored and installed by

Warwick Kerr, a native Brazilian. Since 1996, the organ has been in daily use.

"It's an historic church, founded by an American missionary in the 1880s," said Petty. "It's an inner city church, and the organ really dresses it up. The members of the congregation are very enthusiastic singers. They sing all the standard Baptist hymns, just in Portuguese."

## Campus BRIEFS

◆ The Ben M. Elrod Center for Family and Community held its fifth Tiger Serve Day on Saturday, March 6, to provide an opportunity for students to get involved in the Arkadelphia community through public service. Two-hundred eighty-five students, faculty & staff comprised 39 teams that worked a total of 895 hours on Tiger Serve Day.

Members of the Former Students Association, who were on campus for their spring meeting, also participated.

Ouachita teamed with the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce to organize the event.

◆ Dr. Ronald J. Sider, professor of theology and religion at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Penn., presented a Birkett Williams Lecture on Thursday, March 4.

The title of his lecture was "Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger."

Sider serves as president of the Evangelicals for Social Action, publisher of "Green Cross," contributing editor of "Sojourners," corresponding editor of "Christianity Today," and co-author of "Transformation: An International Dialogue on Evangelical Social Ethics."

◆ The Martins, the 1998 recipients of the Arkansas Governor's Award of Excellence for outstanding achievements in the field of gospel music, were in concert at Ouachita in February. Joyce, Jonathan, and Judy Martin, originally from Hamburg, performed in churches and concert halls in Arkansas and surrounding states before their first professional music contract was signed.

# REUNITED

## Ouachita, Harding join Gulf South Conference

Ouachita Baptist University and Harding University will move from the Lone Star Conference to the Gulf South Conference, and in doing so, renew rivalries with several in-state NCAA Division II universities.

The move by Ouachita and Harding will reunite all of the football-playing former members of the old Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference (AIC), an NAIA league which lasted nearly 70 years before it dissolved in 1994. Ouachita and Harding will join former AIC members Arkansas Tech University, Henderson State University, Southern Arkansas University, the University of Arkansas at Monticello and the University of Central Arkansas in the west division of the Gulf South Conference.

Delta State University also is a member of the west division, as well as two out-of-state universities which do not compete in football. The

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**Andrew Westmoreland**

conference includes teams in Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

"The opportunity to bring the Arkansas schools together under the umbrella of one of the NCAA's strongest conferences is an exciting change for us," said Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, president of Ouachita. "I think everyone concerned saw that getting all of the Arkansas schools back together in athletics was the best thing for the universities and for the fans of the teams. It's a good, highly competitive league and it's a natural fit geographically."

Westmoreland said the move came about because of

travel distances and the opportunity to renew rivalries with Arkansas schools, not because of dissatisfaction with the Lone Star Conference. For the past three years, the Lone Star has fielded two divisions, with teams from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.

"We have been pleased to be a member of the Lone Star Conference. That was an important step for us in the move up from NAIA athletics," said Westmoreland. "Unfortunately, for Ouachita the great disadvantage for our affiliation with the Lone Star was geography, and there simply wasn't much we could do about that."

For Ouachita, the move also means that the annual cross-town rivalry with Henderson State will once again be a conference matchup. The contest was temporarily halted when the AIC broke up and has been a non-conference game for the past three

years. Ouachita opens the 1999 season at home against Henderson. The Tigers are under the direction of new head coach Todd Knight, Gulf South Coach-of-the-Year in 1998 with Delta State University.

In addition to the Arkansas universities, the Gulf South Conference football-playing schools presently consist of: Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss.; the University of North Alabama in Florence; the University of West Alabama in Livingston; the State University of West Georgia in Carrollton; and Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga.

*by Jeff Root*

### Gulf South West

Arkansas Tech University  
Christian Brothers University\*  
Delta State University  
Harding University  
Henderson State University  
Mississippi University for Women\*  
Ouachita Baptist University  
Southern Arkansas University  
University of Arkansas at Monticello  
University of Central Arkansas

### Gulf South East

Lincoln Memorial University\*  
State University of West Georgia  
University of Alabama-Huntsville\*  
University of Montevallo\*  
University of North Alabama  
University of West Alabama  
University of West Florida\*  
Valdosta State University

\*denotes non-football playing member

# Sports Wrap-Up

## Swimming & Diving

The Tiger Sharks swimming and diving team brought home tenth place as well as two individual national championships in the 1999 NCAA Men's Division II Swimming and Diving National Championships held on March 10-13 in Buffalo, NY.

Sophomore free and fly swimmer John Berry from Houston, TX, was the 50 senior freestyle national champion for the second consecutive year with a time of 20.26. Berry also placed second while setting a school record in the 100 senior freestyle in a time of 44.82.

Bringing home the gold in the 100 breast was junior breast and freestyle swimmer Jess Mullinax from Texarkana, TX. Mullinax won in a time of 57.07. He also ranked 12th in the 200 breast.

Also placing in the meet were: Moss Duvall, 11th, 100 fly, 10th, 200 fly; Joel Jackson, 19th, 1650 freestyle; Jeremy Elliott, Duvall, Mullinax and Berry, 4th, 400 medley relay; Berry, Mullinax, Jackson, and Duvall, 7th, 400 free relay; Berry, Jackson, Duvall, and Ray Miller, 8th, 800 freestyle relay; Chris White, Mullinax, Duvall, and Jackson, 15th, 200 medley relay.

The Tiger Sharks are coached by Jim Dann.

• Brent S. Gambill

## Lady Tiger Basketball

The young Lady Tiger basketball team (13-13, 6-8), coached by Garry Crowder and assisted by Joveta Arnold, ended the year tied for fifth place in the NCAA II Lone Star Conference North Division.

Two players, freshman guards Robyn Anders from Grapevine, TX, and Vivi Dees from Cove, were named to the 1999 Lone-Star Conference Women's Basketball North Division Team. Anders was named to the North Division Second Team and Dees was selected for the Honorable Mention Team.

Hilary Sheridan was named to the 1998-99 NCAA Division II Lone Star Conference Women's Basketball North Division Commissioner's Honor Roll. Sheridan, a sophomore from Midlothian, TX, achieved the

honor with her 3.34 grade point average while majoring in business.

In free throw percentage, Anders was the leader in the Lone Star Conference and 13th in the NCAA Division II national statistics by making 136 of 159 for 86 percent.

Anders also ended the sports year ranked fifth in the LSC in assists and seventh in scoring. Anders led the Lady Tigers in points, free throw percentage, assists, and minutes played.

Dees ended second in the LSC for three point field goals made with 65 in 25 games. She finished seventh in three-point field goal percentage. Dees led the Lady Tigers in three pointers and was second in assists, free throws, and points.

On the court, Sheridan led the Lady Tigers this past season in shooting percentage by making 67 of 140 for 48 percent.

• Brent S. Gambill

## Tiger Basketball

Mike Reynolds' Tigers entered their second season in Lone Star Conference play with a core of four seniors, but also with six transfers new to the program which hurried the development of team chemistry at the beginning of the season.

The Tigers finished the season with a 9-16 record, a 6-8 LSC record, and tied for fifth in the LSC North Division. Ouachita came away with quality wins against the University of Central Oklahoma and in-state rivals Harding and Henderson State.

OBU defeated a perennial LSC NCAA Division II power in the Bronchos of UCO on January 9 as junior point guard Kyle Dean of Medford, OK, hit a season-high of 34

points in the 83-74 victory.

On January 28, the Tigers hosted the second edition of the basketball version of the Battle of the Ravine and exited with a 55-48 victory over the Reddies, a team that won the Gulf South Conference title.

Two days later, the Tigers traveled to Searcy and defeated the Harding Bisons 90-88 in overtime as senior Mitchell Bolding of Benton, who was the team's leading scorer with 12.1 points per game, scored 17 points in the second half and overtime for the victory.

Ouachita ended the season with two victories over Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Cameron University. The end of the season also marked the end of the careers of Bolding and senior Robert Brumsey of New Boston, TX, who spent four years in the Tiger program. Bobby Tedder, a senior from Mena, finished his third year in the program and senior Edleawn Barton of St. John's, Antigua in the West Indies, finished his two-year career with the Tigers as the leading rebounder for the team after transferring from John Wood Community College in Illinois.

• Chris Babb

## 1999 TIGER FOOTBALL

### Sept.

4	Henderson State	Arkadelphia/OBU	7 p.m.
11	Southwest Baptist	Bolivar, MO	7 p.m.
18	Eastern New Mexico	Portales, NM	6 p.m.
25	Texas A&M-Commerce	Arkadelphia	7 p.m.

### Oct.

2	Southwestern OK State	Weatherford, OK	2 p.m.
9+	Southwestern OK State	Arkadelphia	2 p.m.
16	Northeastern OK State	Tahlequah, OK	2 p.m.
23	Univ. of Central OK	Arkadelphia	2 p.m.
30	East Central University	Ada, OK	2 p.m.

### Nov.

6*	Harding University	Arkadelphia	2 p.m.
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+Parents' Day

\*Homecoming





**Bruce  
Tippet**

President  
Former Students  
Association

I have always told my children that I can go almost anywhere and find someone I know or someone who knows someone I know. In 1994 we made our first trip to Disney World. I told my girls that I would see someone I knew or meet someone who knows someone I know. We were on a raft crossing over to Tom Sawyer's Island when I noticed a man wearing a Razorback cap. I asked if he was from Arkansas and he said, "Yes," that he was from Pine Bluff. I asked if he knew a couple who were members of our church. His response was, "Why yes! They were my Sunday School teachers at First Baptist!" My girls couldn't believe it. I felt vindicated!

I have also said you can go almost anywhere and meet someone who went to Ouachita or knows someone who went to Ouachita. Recently we had the Zambian Acappella to perform in our church. Now, I happen to know only one person from Zambia. His name is Seth Lunga, who graduated from Ouachita with me in 1976. So I asked the leader of the group, "Do you know Seth Lunga?" His reply was, "Oh, yes! Mr. Lunga is helping us this year!" Am I good or what!

You see, it isn't the size of the student enrollment, it's the significance. It's true that Ouachita's size will never be its overwhelming feature. However, the individual students who discover their significance while completing their education will use that significance to make a significant difference.

This was impressed on our FSA Board recently as we observed 300 students go out into the community of Arkadelphia for Tiger Serve Day. They spent a Saturday helping people in Arkadelphia pick up, clean up, sweep up and fix up some part of the city. This effort was organized by Ian Cosh, director of the Elrod Center for Family and Community. It was evidence of a desire to give service and demonstrate leadership by serving as Jesus did.

Ouachita alumni are everywhere in the world. Isn't it amazing the influence one school can make! Look around you and wherever you go, I bet you'll find someone who went to Ouachita or knows someone who went to Ouachita. More often than not, they are the ones making a difference - a sizeable difference!

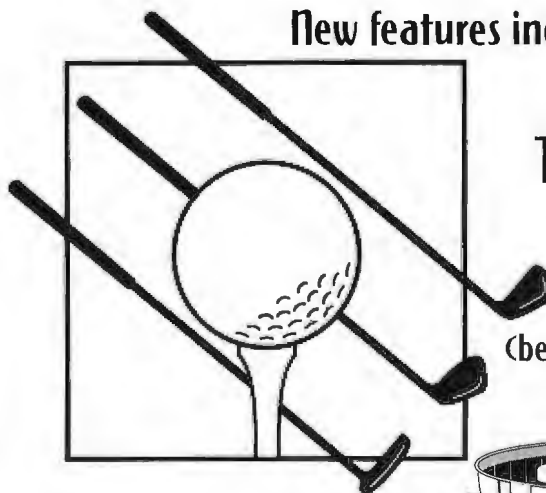
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December 1, 1998 - February 28, 1999

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Mary A. Anthony  
By: Mr. James M. Anthony

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By: Mr. and Mrs. Quintus A. Crews

Thelma C. Baker  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Benson  
Mr. and Mrs. Quintus A. Crews

Jimmie D. Brock Baylor  
By: Mr. W. E. Baylor

James C. Berryman  
*Former Religion/Philosophy Faculty*  
By: Mr. and Mrs. John Davis

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By: Dr. and Mrs. Richard D. Wilhelm

Ronald J. Bracken  
By: Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cloud

Audrie Reecer Cantrell  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant

Sarah Cloud  
*Sister of John D. Cloud*  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod

Melvin Coffelt  
*Father of Nancy Turner Hardman*  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod

Erma Cordell  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Alder  
Mr. and Mrs. Jon Burch  
Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Franz  
Mr. Wendell B. Hilton  
Mrs. Theresa Simpson  
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Stipe

Nolan W. Crawford  
By: Mrs. Rosalie Marbury Cook  
Dr. Guy C. Wilson

Alton R. Crawley  
*Former Math Faculty*  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Martin

Logan O. Davis  
By: Mrs. Martha Lou Davis

Maudie R. Davis  
*Former Math Faculty*  
By: Dr. Clark W. McCarty

Jimmy DeCou  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Martin

Harold Echols  
*Former Trustee*  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant  
Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams

Judi Ferguson  
By: Mr. Ronnie E. Ferguson

Helen Frazier  
*Former Business Faculty*  
By: Mr. and Mrs. William C. Ford

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By: Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams

Sylvia Webb Gates  
By: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. French

Bradley James Gilbert  
By: Drs. George and Ouida Keck

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*Former Dorm Mom*  
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By: Mrs. Juanita J. Wibker

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By: Mrs. Juanita J. Wibker

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By: Mrs. Juanita J. Wibker

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Mrs. Juanita Gill Hatfield

Cecil Holeman  
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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Good  
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Dr. Clark W. McCarty  
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By: Mrs. M. Rebecca Dallas  
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By: Mr. Larry D. Dice

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Drs. George and Ouida Keck  
Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson  
Mrs. Janice L. Weatherford

Cecil McBryde  
By: Mr. and Mrs. E. Ted Harrison, Jr.

Myrene McCarty  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod

Freeman McMenis  
By: Mrs. Eleanor B. McMenis

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*Former Music Faculty*  
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By: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Blackwood

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By: LTC and Mrs. Richard Schmidt

Bobby Myers  
By: Mrs. Frances B. Myers

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By: Dr. and Mrs. Dillard Miller

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Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Windham

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By: Mr. and Mrs. Mike R. Meadows

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By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod

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Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Heflin  
Ms. Nancy Spann  
Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Williams

James Polk Stafford  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hinger

Earl Don Stallings  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod

Bessie Standridge  
By: Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cloud

Dessie Standridge  
By: Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cloud

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# Class Notes

1943

**Franklin Dearing** emailed that in the past five years, he and wife Marilyn, have driven and flown over 30,000 miles and presented 188 dramas in eight states. While interim pastor last summer in Burley, Idaho, they flew to Marshall, TX, to present "Moses" and "Peter" Biblical dramas for a Senior Adult Conference at East Texas Baptist University. They presently live in Belton, TX.

1948

**Raymond (fs) and Bonnie (Boatman) Peeples** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in December at their home in Hot Springs.

**Ernest Mosley** retired from SBC Executive Committee and began serving as interim pastor for First Baptist Church in Wahiawa, Hawaii, in October 1998.

**Bob Gladden** and daughters, **Gay Pappin ('73)** and **Beth Coulson ('75)** recently dedicated a prayer garden in front of Little Rock's Immanuel Baptist Church, as a memorial to his late wife, **Alla B. (Earle, fs)**.

1949

**James David Reed** retired in December as chaplain associate at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock. He and wife **Doss (Brown, '48)** live near Greenbrier and are active in Conway Second Baptist

Church.

**Austin and Eleanor Fikes** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at their home in Benton, AR.

**Roy and Henri Ella (Proctor) Kilgore** live in Fort Worth where he is retired district manager for American General L&A Insurance.

**Vera (Sallee) McClain**, who retired from teaching in 1975, lives on Lake Ouachita at Hot Springs, where she loves to fish, play bridge and travel.

1950

**Bobby Newman** was guest of honor at a roast in January, sponsored by Smackover (AR) Chamber of Commerce, commemorating his retirement after 50 years as a member of Arkansas House of Representatives. He and wife, Joan, live in Smackover where he owns Smackover Insurance Agency.

**Norvin and Betty Jo (Grimes, fs) Jones** live at Cherokee Village, AR, where he pastors Hardy (AR) Foothills Baptist Church. He writes that she is his secretary.

1952

**Jack and Ann Bledsoe** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in February with dinner hosted by their sons, Floyd and Robert. He's an interim pastor and retired director of missions and they live in Fordyce.

1953

**John Hagan** has joined Arkansas Department of Correction Diagnostic Unit as a Missions Service Corps volunteer chaplain. He lives in Pine Bluff, AR.

**Charles Edwards** retired in January after 50 years in the ministry, the past 44 in south Louisiana. He presently lives near Eunice, LA.

1955

**Betty Sue (Holt) Dunnam** retired last year as executive secretary, and husband, James, retired after 50 years in the ministry. They moved to Orlando, FL, to be near their children. She emailed that even though they live in Florida, she never gets over "missing her roots," and they attended the Citrus Bowl so she could "call the hogs" in Arkansas' game against Michigan.

1956

**Bob Norvell** and wife, Edna, have moved from Las Vegas to Fort Smith where he is interim pastor of Rye Hill Baptist Church.

**Glenn McCoy** retired as professor of religion at Eastern New Mexico University after teaching there for 27 years. He and wife, **Dorla (Medford, fs57)**, live in Portales, New Mexico.

1957

**Will Barnett** is retired and lives in El Paso, TX. He has his own website for friends who want to visit: [http:// www.barnettnet.com](http://www.barnettnet.com).

1959

**John Crawford** is semi-retired from Henderson State. He continues to teach adjunct classes, write, and serve as actor and director for Arkadelphia Little Theatre and Pocket Theatre in Hot Springs. His latest honor is inclusion of two of his essays on Shakespeare's plays in the new "World Shakespeare Bibliography," published by Texas A&M University Press.

1960

**Bill Scrimshire** was elected in November 1998 to the Arkansas House of Representatives. He is a restaurant owner and former mayor of Malvern, AR. He and wife, Ann, have three children.

1961

**Leland "Yogi" Zimmerman** retired in January as finance officer for City of North Little Rock Electric Department. He plans to work full time in his own CPA business in Vilonia, AR, where he and wife, **Marguerite (Fielding, '62)** live. Their free time will be devoted to backpacking, traveling and enjoying their seven grandchildren.

## Memorial Contributions

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Emma Lee Stobaugh  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod

Barbara Steelman Stone  
By: Mr. Wallace Spencer

Janie N. Noonan Sullivan  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Trozy R. Barker

Hazel Cain Tate  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Bill R. Roussel

Patrick E. Titsworth, Sr.  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Dillard Miller

John Tubbs  
By: Mr. Nelson Eubank

Mareva Tucker  
By: Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Nichols

Earl Verser, Jr.  
By: Miss Karen Verser

Mrs. Mollie Verser  
By: Miss Karen Verser

Maurice M. Vick, Sr.  
By: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welch

Vera Waggoner  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Joe Jeffers

Gertrude Wetherington  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod  
Dr. and Mrs. Raouf J. Halaby  
Drs. Jeff and Deborah Root

Dolphus Whitten, Jr.  
*Former Director of JEC*  
By: Mrs. Marie B. Whitten

Francis L. Williams  
*Mother of Junius Williams*  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Ben M. Elrod

Mabel Williams  
*Mother of J. Thomas Greer, Sr.*  
By: Dr. and Mrs. Trey Berry

Ms. Marie E. Boyt  
Mrs. Elizabeth Crain  
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Drs. George and Ouida Keck  
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Mr. and Mrs. Mac B. Sisson

Irene Wood  
By: Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cloud  
Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hobgood

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# Class Notes

Friends can email him at [lhzcpa@cyberback.com](mailto:lhzcpa@cyberback.com).

**Larry Brooks** is area franchisee for Mail Boxes, Etc. in Austin, TX.

**Devona (Meeks) Amis (fs)** retired as elementary teacher after 28 years, the last 21 years in art, and resides in Camden with husband, **Joe Dale ('58)**.

**Clyde Jackson** has relocated from Louisville, KY, to Bradley, AR, where he's a management consultant and writer. He's working on his fifth book, which will be about the lay ministry.

## 1962

**Bonita (Liles) Watts**, recently took over the Cooking School of Tulsa, after the School was purchased by Bama Cos., where she has been employed since 1983. She and husband, John, have also just returned from a 2-week mission trip with their church to Venezuela.

**Max Deaton** announced his retirement from pastoral ministry after 40 years. Wife, **Joyce (Brown)** taught in public school systems for 20 years and on college level for 15 before her death in November 1997, following a lengthy battle with cancer. He has two children, Tammie and Scott and two grandchildren.

**Bobby and Carolyn (Thompson) Denton** are retired and live on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs, AR.

## 1963

**Alan Tyson** recently accepted the chaplain's position in the Department of Pastoral Care at St. Mary's Hospital in Rogers, AR. He reports that he's the first non-Catholic to join their pastoral staff.

## 1964

**John and Patricia (Jameson, '65) Wood** live in Fort Smith where he's regional vice president for Primerica, an investment firm.

**Paul Dooley** and wife, Katy, are in Irving, TX, where he's a teacher in Irving Independent School System.

**David Basham** owns a private investigation agency and lives in Mableton, GA, with wife Carolyn Sue. He has his own website at [www.answers.pi.com](http://www.answers.pi.com).

## 1965

**Vicky (Osburn) Daniel** retired from Camden-Fairview Schools

after 31 years of teaching. She is still working as an adjunct professor at SAU-Tech in East Camden. She and husband, Jim, have one son, Luke, a junior at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia.

**Sandy (Polos) Hinkson** joined the staff of Pulaski Association of Arkansas Baptist State Convention as administrative/ministries associate. She and husband, **Ed**, live in Little Rock and have two children, **Edwin (fs88) and Kim Kee ('92)**.

**Merrian (Wheeler) Turner** will retire in July after 34 years in education. She and Cecil live in Baltimore, MD, but will be moving to Clarendon, AR, upon her retirement.

## 1966

**Alyce (Reed) Abney** is an elementary PE teacher in Canby, Oregon, where she lives with husband, James and daughter Katherine 11.

## 1967

**Ronnie Coleman** and wife, Galina, live in Arlington, VA, where he is president and independent consultant of GARON, Inc., a computer company.

## 1969

**Robert and Pat (Quinney) Williams** are in Morrilton, AR, where he's a buyer for a paper mill and she's a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. They have two children, Tricia and Robb, and one grandchild. They will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June 1999.

**Frank Vines**, football coach at Alma (AR) High School, was recently named to coach the West Squad in the 44<sup>th</sup> Arkansas High School Coaches Association All-State Football game, which will be played in Conway in July. This is the second consecutive state championship for Vines' team.

**J. Frank Jones** serves as executive director of International Church Planters in Tumbling Shoals, AR, as well as missions pastor for Tumbling Shoals Baptist Church.

## 1970

**Ronnie Ferguson** works as a camera operator on "Walker, Texas Ranger" TV series. He lives on a ranch outside of Dallas with wife Rita and daughter Wendi.

## ALUMNI Profile

HOLLY

GRESHAM - GARAVEL

Before she was granted the national Christa McAuliffe Fellowship in 1998, Holly Garavel built the foundation for her teaching career when she graduated from Ouachita in 1980 with a degree in elementary education and music education.

This year, Garavel is on sabbatical from the Newington School District in Hartford, Conn., while she travels around the state educating elementary students on astronomy. The \$45,000 fellowship allowed Garavel to purchase a 16-foot-diameter portable, inflatable planetarium, which allows enough room for about 30 students and herself.

"I never thought that science would be my cup of tea," said Garavel. She explained that she began to fall in love with astronomy in 1997 when she attended a teacher's workshop to learn more about mathematics and science. At the workshop she learned how to use the portable planetarium, called "Star Lab." Garavel said that after she was able to use the planetarium at her school for only one week, she decided to apply for the Christa McAuliffe Grant. While writing for the grant, she explained her objectives for teaching children about astronomy. Garavel noted that by going to different schools across the state with the planetarium, she would be able to reach 12,000 children.

"I go to a different school each week to teach kids of all ages and backgrounds about astronomy." She said that it is wonderful to see different children thrilled each week. "Children are so awestruck by things. There's just something about five- and six-year-olds and the look on their faces."

While at Ouachita, Garavel was chairman of the Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF) committee that produced the very first Tiger Tunes production in 1979. Her other involvements included the EEE Women's Social Club, concert choir, and a role in the musical *The Music Man*.

Living in West Hartford, Conn., Garavel shares a home with her husband Paul and their two children, eight-year-old Paula and six-year-old Michael. Garavel said that she never thought that she would end up in Connecticut after living in Waco, Tex., her first year out of college. "When I first started teaching up here the kids made fun of my accent. They laughed when I said the letter 'W.'"

As for the future, Garavel plans to continue teaching children. She said that she wishes that she could extend her sabbatical in order to share the Star Lab with more children. "Because of the opportunities that I've had traveling to different schools, I would like to do a program that would allow me to reach even larger numbers of children."

•Jill Presley

## 1971

**Dennis Ramsey** was recently elected president of Citizens National Bank of Hope, AR.

## 1972

**Deborah (Whitright) Via** and husband, Jay, live in Monroe, LA, where she's a nurse.

**Rex and Jennifer (Jordan) Babcock** live in Chanute, KS,

where they both teach math.

**Rex Horne (fs)**, pastor of Little Rock Immanuel Baptist Church, was honored in January at the fifth annual Salute to Greatness Community Service Awards, sponsored by the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission for his commitment to humanitarian efforts of fostering

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## ALUMNI Profile

### CLIFF HARRIS

A business graduate and former Tiger football standout was named to the "Dallas Morning News All-Time Cowboys Team." Cliff Harris, now a Dallas businessman, was selected by seven of the newspaper's sportswriters as the choice as the free safety for the team that was announced recently in the "Sports Day" section of the award-winning newspaper.

Members of the selection team were Sam Blair, Tim Cowlshaw, Rick Gosselin, Frank Luksa, Bob St. John, Blackie Sherrod and Carlton Stowers, each of whom has followed or covered the Cowboys for more than 30 years.

Criteria for the team included on-the-field contributions and level of overall greatness.

Wearing jersey number 43, Harris at 6-2, 190-lbs. played 10 years (1970-1979) for coach Tom Landry and his Cowboys. It was a span worth five Super Bowls for the franchise, six Pro Bowl shots and four All-Pro awards for the raging free safety.

During his career, Harris made 29 interceptions and returned them for more than 280 yards. In 1976, he led the Cowboys in tackles.

Harris was known for his tenacious hitting and was nicknamed "Captain Crash" by his Dallas teammates.

Harris came to Ouachita after living with his family in Fayetteville, Hot Springs, Des Arc and even Panama. He played both quarterback and defensive back for Des Arc his senior year and the team went 11-0.

As a player for the OBU Tigers, Harris excelled in the defensive secondary for four years for Coach Buddy Benson. He was tabbed several times for post-season honors and for inclusion on the All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Team and All NAIA.

But, Harris was not chosen in the college football draft following his senior season at OBU but instead signed as a free agent for a then standard \$500 bonus by the Cowboys. He immediately stepped in though as a starter.

Harris' feats on the gridiron have earned him induction into both the NAIA Football Hall of Fame in the athlete category and the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

Harris joins an elite group of former Cowboys on the newspaper's All Star Team which includes Bob Hayes, Drew Pearson, Billy Joe DuPree, Rayfield Wright, Mark Tuinei, Larry Allen, John Niland, Mark Stepnoski, Don Perkins, Emmitt Smith, Ed Jones, Harvey Martin, Bob Lilly, Randy White, Chuck Howley, Dave Edwards, Lee Roy Jordan, Mel Renfro, Cornell Green, Darren Woodson and Rafael Septien. Heralded running back Tony Dorsett also received votes.

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interracial cooperation, non-violence, community service and serving as a positive role model.

1974

**Larry and Fayrene (Moore, '77) Elrod** reside in Nashville, AR.

He's elementary principal at Delight Public Schools and she teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Nashville Primary Schools. They have three daughters, **Tisha ('98), Erin (a sophomore at OBU), and Carey (an OBU freshman).**

**Charlotte Daniel** is office

administrator at KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, a CPA firm in Little Rock.

1975

**Beth (Cole) Farris**, who spent two weeks on campus for a Geographic Alliance Workshop, writes she enjoyed living in the dorm, standing in line in the cafeteria, and walking on campus again. It brought back good memories. She lives in Beebe, AR, with husband, Barry, and children, Belinda 19 and Jacob 16. She teaches at Beebe Elementary School, and serves as adjunct teacher for ASU-Beebe.

**Larry Grosskopf** is a clinical psychologist at San Antonio State Hospital. He and wife, Marta, have three children living at home: Sarah 17, Zoe 5, and Jackson 3.

1976

**Kathy (Ferguson) Williford** lives in Conway with husband, Danny, and three children, J.R., Jon David and Danielle. She's director of children's ministries at Woodland Heights Baptist Church, having previously served as music director for 10 years.

**Roy and Carol (Crews) Steed** are in Springfield, VA, where he's employed with U.S. Army Department of Defense Inspector General's Office and she's an RN at a local hospital. He recently returned from assignments in Germany and Bosnia.

**Forrest and Becky (Foard) Bohlen** have returned to the mission field in Venezuela, where they have served since 1989. They can be contacted at CCS 3014, P.B.X. 025323, Miami, FL 33102-5323.

1977

**Charles Cook** is senior vice president for First National Bank of Fort Smith.

**Jane Sharp** lives in Benton and works as marketing director for Suite Options/Corporate Lodging.

**Randy Sims** has been named president and CEO of the newly formed bank, First State Bank of Conway. He and wife, **Pam (Sorrells)** have five children, Joshua, Rebekah, Rachel, John and Daniel.

1978

**Michael O'Brien** is executive

director of engineering for Allied Riser Communications in Dallas, TX. He and wife, Phyllis, have four children, Hollie 18, Stacie 17, Mike 13 and Marc 11.

**Martha Vastine** has joined the staff of New Hope Fellowship in Springdale (AR) as children's minister.

**James Meredith** recently moved to Jackson, MS area as a team leader for Forest Service Procurement.

**Ted Barker** is manager for distributor sales for Upper Deck Company in Carrollton, TX.

**Terry Glover** went on an 18-day mission trip with his church to Honduras where they worked with 7,000 homeless children.

1979

**DeeAnn (Glover) Dockins** is in her 15th year of practicing dentistry in the Dallas area. She and husband, Dennis, a pilot for Pro Air Airlines, are active in Rockwall Lake Pointe Baptist Church and he has begun flying her to Mexico so she can practice dentistry there.

**Keith Rutledge** is in his 12th year as high school band director and district music coordinator for Siloam Springs (AR) Public Schools. His band recently returned from Orlando, FL, where they participated in Florida Citrus Sports Music Festival, marched in the Citrus Bowl Parade, and performed in Disney's Magic Music Days event. Wife, **Rhonda (Heep)** teaches 6th grade at Siloam Springs Middle School. They have two children, Jason 14 and Abby 11. Keith writes that he and Rhonda will be staff members for Arkansas Ambassadors of Music European Tour this summer for the fifth time. The entire family will travel and perform with the group on the 16-day seven-country tour.

**George Sauer** has been head soccer coach at Circleville (OH) High School for 17 years, and this past season reached Final 8 in State of Ohio playoffs. He can be emailed at [laserdog@bright.net](mailto:laserdog@bright.net) or by the net at <http://www.bright.net/~laserdog>.

**John Schirmer**, an English and journalism teacher at Nashville (AR) High School, received the Chamber of Commerce "Orange and Black Education Award" and Arkansas Press Association Journalism Educator of the Year



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**Award.**

**Jim and Diane (Denney)** Spann live in Huntsville, AL, where he's employed in the Space Plasma Physics Branch of NASA.

**Bob Berry** joined the staff of Jonesboro (AR) First Baptist Church as minister of education. He and wife, **Diane (James)**, have two children, Amanda and Andrew.

**Tom Hart** is director of coaching for the Baton Rouge (LA) Soccer Association.

**1980**

**Janis (Knipmeyer) Bremer** recently earned her master of science in education degree in secondary school administration from Henderson. She's a teacher/administrator at Jessieville High School. She and husband, **Marc ('78)**, live in Hot Springs.

**Sara Jan (Bryant) Caruso (fs)** lives in Moreno Valley, CA, where she's a readiness manager for the government.

**1981**

**Andy and Laurie Pierce** live in Baton Rouge, where he's music director and associate pastor at Comite Baptist Church.

**Lisa Jones** is director of orthodontics for Monarch Dental Clinic in Cabot, AR.

**1982**

**David Walker** is minister of music for Highland Park Baptist Church in Texarkana, TX.

**1983**

**Mike Landrum** is a partner with Memphis accounting firm, Arthur Andersen, LLP. He and wife, Suzanne, have one daughter, Lucy Raines.

**Carl Turner** is a customer care training manager with AirTouch Communications. He lives in Vacaville, CA.

**1984**

**Robin Birdwell** is an elementary school counselor for Pattonville (MO) School District.

**Rocky Fawcett** is assistant football and head boy's track coach at Sylvan Hills High School in Sherwood (AR). He and wife, Michele, live in Cabot and have a 2-year old son, Reid.

**Nancy (Daniels) Anderson** was recently honored with a reception upon her leaving as city

clerk for the City of Arkadelphia, a position she had held since 1987. She has joined FamilyLife, a division of Campus Crusade for Christ, in Little Rock.

**Bryan and Mary Lynne (Stevens, fs) Webb** live in North Little Rock where he's pastor of Central Baptist Church.

**Retha Kilmer** is serving as interim music director for Sherwood (AR) First Baptist Church, where she has been serving as pianist.

**Scott and Suzanne (Johnston) Meador** have moved to San Antonio where he is database marketing manager for San Antonio Express News. The Meadors have two children, Ashley 14 and Katie 7.

**David Wilson**, who lives in Poplar Bluff, MO, is in his 10th year as a teacher in Neelyville (MO) School District, where he teaches social studies and journalism and serves as faculty advisor for the school newspaper. He has three children: David 10, Jared 5, and Rachel.

**1985**

**Rose Jones (MSE)** was recently recognized at her church, Cabot First Baptist Church, for 25 years of ministry as a social worker with Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries.

**Janet (Jones) Lowry** lives in Hot Springs with husband, Bob and son, Steven Daniel, 14 months. She taught kindergarten for eleven years before their son was born, but now is a full-time mom. Bob is a nursing specialist for Arkansas Dept. of Health.

**Debbie (Richardson) Baker** is in her 13th year of teaching Spanish and is also attending Henderson State University seeking her MSE in school counseling. She lives in Malvern with husband, Darryl, and daughters, Colby 10 and Cady 7.

**Louls Davis** has joined Fort Smith Grand Avenue Baptist Church staff as minister to students.

**Jon and Brenda (Leigh, '78) Rice** live in Goose Creek, South Carolina. He is minister of music at Charleston (SC) Highland Park Baptist Church and she's mom and taxi driver for their five children, Jonathan 8, Aaron and Hannah 6, Natalie 5 and Rachel 2.

**1986**

**Glenda (McCarty) Owsley** is a research assistant for Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, CO.

**Mason Robinson** joined Percy (AR) Baptist Church staff as associate pastor in charge of praise and worship, administration and education. He and wife, **Christy (Ramsey, '93)**, have three children, David, Jonah, and Anna and live in Hot Springs.

**Britt Stender** and wife Sheila live in Westerville, OH, where he's district manager for American Family Insurance.

**Mark and Peggy (Edmonson, '84) Tetley** were appointed SBC international missionaries to France at a recent service held in conjunction with the Florida Baptist Convention.

**1987**

**Tammy (Allen) Hartsfield** and family moved to Groton, Conn. last summer where husband, Mike, is manager of Waterford (CT) Wal Mart. She stays at home with sons, Ryan 7 and Joshua 3.

**Ernest DeSoto** is associate pastor at Winnsboro (TX) First Baptist Church. He and wife, **Sherri (Price, '86)**, have two children, Robert 3-1/2 and Lindsey 22 months.

**Scott Crider** is director of client services at The Communications Group, a Little Rock marketing, advertising and public relations firm.

**Patti Thorn** has joined the staff of Ernst & Young, LLP, a consulting firm in Dallas.

**1988**

**David McCoy** spent six weeks last fall solo biking and camping in Europe where he visited Holland, Luxembourg, France, Monaco and Italy. He reports that in August, he sang in even-song services with Yorkminster Cathedral in York, England, and plans to return this summer to sing with the Norwich (England) Cathedral. He currently lives in Little Rock.

**Brett Stewart** is a police officer with the City of Little Rock, where he lives with wife, **Tammy (Doran)**, and 3 children, Ellosa Jordan 11 and twins Kristin Ariel and Jonathan Blake 8.

**Amy (Witt) Browder** and husband, Hugh, live in Hamburg,

PA, where she works part time as a psychotherapist at The Reading Hospital and Medical Center and focuses the remainder of her time on raising daughter Meredith Grace, 1-1/2.

**Terry and Beth (Bennett, '91) Jerry** have moved to Collierville, TN, where he was promoted to district manager for Purdue Pharma, a pharmaceutical company. She is a full-time mom to two boys, Jackson 1 and Bennett 3.

**Margaret (Marus) Reed** was recently appointed to the Criminal Detention Facility Review Committee for Judicial District 9-East. She's a communications teacher for Bismarck (AR) Public School, and she and husband, Doug, a political science professor at Ouachita, live in Arkadelphia.

**Angela (Chaney) Sullins** lives in Harrison with husband, Steve, and children, Jake 4 and Haley 1. A former teacher, she writes she was able to accomplish many things while in the teaching profession due to teaching theories and ideas learned while at Ouachita and will always be grateful to her instructors for that education.

**Larry and Sarah (Wingfield) Plyler (MSE)** of Gurdon were appointed recently by the SBC as missionary associates to Guatemala.

**1989**

**Brad Franklin** has joined the ministerial staff of New Hope Fellowship in Springdale (AR) as assistant pastor of family ministries.

**Barry King** serves as president of International Church Planters in Tumbling Shoals, AR, and pastors Tumbling Shoals Baptist Church. He and wife, **Frances (Burton)**, have three sons, Regan and Ryan 6 and Alister 2.

**Ian Lowe** is a computer systems engineer with Fannie Mae Corporation in Arlington, VA.

**Angela Benson** earned her master of arts degree in the December commencement from South-western Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth.

**James "J.J." Kindred** is a copy editor for U.S. Newswire and lives in Alexandria, VA.

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### JULIE PETTY BUFFINGTON

*"The Second Commandment tells us to 'love your neighbor as yourself'  
That's not just a commandment; it impacts who you are.  
That, for me, is the bottom line."*

Julie Petty Buffington ('82) was recently featured in the Longview (TX) News-Journal for her work with Longview Community Ministries, Inc., a ministry of 50 Longview area churches.

Julie's interest in working with a non-profit organization began while she was a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary studying for her master's degree in marriage and family counseling. She became a volunteer at Southside Area Ministries, an agency helping the refugee population of Fort Worth, and it was there that she discovered her life's calling and she met her husband, also a volunteer at the center.

Julie became executive director of Longview Community Ministries, Inc. in 1994, organizing such ministries as Meals on Wheels, Food Box and Information and Service Center. In 1998, the center delivered 22,709 meals, distributed 2,011 boxes of food, and provided rent and utility assistance.

In addition to her B.A. in sociology from Ouachita, Julie has earned her master's degree from SWBTS, and a master of public administration degree.

Julie and her husband, Jim, are the parents of three children: Josh, 8, Abby, 5, and Lydia, five months. They are members of First Baptist Church of Longview.

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#### 1990

**Tracy (Niven) Myers** lives in Allen, TX, with husband, Phillip, and children, Trent 2 and Hayley born in December. He's a manager for Electronic Data Systems and she stays at home with children.

**Sharon (Baggett) Amberger** is a stay-at-home mom to sons, Joseph 3 and Ryan, born in November. She and husband, Brad, an engineer with Bell Helicopter, live in Benbrook, TX.

**Lisa (Long) Clark** returned to school during her six-year employment with KATV in Little Rock, and recently earned her doctor of pharmacy degree from UAMS. She lives in Sheridan with husband, Gary, and daughter, Erin, and is employed at Brookshire's Pharmacy in Pine Bluff.

#### 1991

**John and Kathy (Emmerling, '89) Frady** live in Henderson, KY, where he's

minister of music and youth and she's a special ministries director at Audubon Baptist Church.

**Trey Bonds** is manager of Carlton Bates store in Lawrenceville, GA, and wife, **Laurie (Lewis, fs)** stays at home with daughter, Callie Elizabeth 2.

**Mike Passen** is assistant football/baseball coach at Davidson Academy School. He and wife, **Sheryl (Brann)**, live in Gallatin, TN.

**Jodi (Bailey) Oliver** teaches first grade at England (AR) Elementary, and lives in Scott with husband, Jason.

**Jeffrey Sheeler** recently graduated from Arkansas State Police Recruit School and was sworn in as a commissioned trooper. He has been assigned to Troop A in Little Rock.

**Belinda (Burnett) Hutcheson** graduated in 1998 from UAMS with a doctorate in medicine and has begun her pediatric residency. She lives in Little Rock with husband, James,

who is a resident in the department of otolaryngology.

**Joel Humphrey** is a U.S. probation officer and pre-sentence investigator for U.S. Probation Office in Hot Springs.

#### 1992

**Angela (Bell) Magers** earned her masters of arts degree in teaching from Austin College in Sherman, TX, in August 1998.

**Phillip and Katrina (Wicklund) Miller** are in Blossom, TX, where he pastors First Baptist Church, and she is technology coordinator and teacher for Avery ISD.

**Tricia Taylor** received her master's degree in school counseling from Dallas Baptist University and is school counselor at Walnut Hill Elementary in Dallas.

**William "Butch" Gray** is assistant head football and head boy's track coach at El Dorado (AR) Public Schools.

**Jennifer Massey** lives in Greenville, TX, and teaches Spanish, Economics and Journalism at Lone Oak (TX) High School. She is also taking graduate classes at Texas A&M in Commerce and will begin the masters of education program this summer.

**Jeffrey Whitlow (fs)** is assistant director of the Christian Family Life Center at Little Rock First Baptist Church. He earned his BA degree in history and English from UALR and is pursuing a degree in elementary education.

**David Sikes** earned his master of music degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in December.

#### 1993

**Chris and Cyndi Esch** live in Little Rock where he's a regional sales representative for Ash Grove Cement and she's a pharmacist.

**Kris and NiKole (Muncy, fs96) Shinn** are in Conway where he's a branch manager for The Hagan Insurance Agency and she works at Acxiom.

**Robert Lackie** received his masters of science degree in art therapy in May 1998 from the department of psychology and special education at Emporia (KS) State University. He received first place in the graduate student division of Kansas Psychological Foundation's paper competition

and was elected to represent the State of Kansas as a delegate to the board of American Art Therapy Association, where he will handle issues and concerns and act as a liaison to AATA Board for problem resolution. He lives in Overland Park, KS, where he's employed with Shawnee Mission School District as an art therapist, which provides services to children with behavioral, emotional and physical problems.

**Amy (Rader) Bauer** is manager of Dallas Royal Oaks Country Club Tennis Shop and lives in Plano with husband, Tom. They are expecting their first child in June 1999.

**Doug Gathright** is pastor of Stukeley Baptist Church in England. His family includes wife, Angelic, and four children, age 7 and younger. He says it's been a challenge living in a foreign country and that "we miss a lot of things we took for granted living in Arkansas. The way you shop is totally different - there's not a Wal-Mart and we pay \$5 a gallon for fuel," but it's been rewarding.

#### 1994

**Jeff McKay** earned his master's degree in social work last year from LSU and is a clinical social worker in Sanford, NC.

**Anna (Richardson) Walker** lives in Seattle, WA, where she works in the lab at Starbucks Coffee.

**Clay Goff** has joined Citizens Bank of Beebe (AR) as a loan officer.

**Lee Barnett** received his master of music degree in December from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth.

**Matt Dunnivant** is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Pensacola, FL.

**Dayna Crawley** is owner and president of Digital Animated Pictures, LC, a graphic design company in Austin, TX.

**Bryan Bolton** received his masters of music degree from New Orleans Seminary in December.

**Adam and Jenny Carson** are physical therapists in Little Rock.

**Bradley Justice** is pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Magnolia, AR. He and wife, Vicki, have two children, Daniel and Matthew.

**Aaron and Lisa (Tschoepe) Bruns** live in Virginia Beach, VA,

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where he's office manager for Ramada Inn on the Beach.

**Michele (Edge) Green** is staff writer for "The Insider Magazine." She and husband, Kerry, a pilot for Continental Express Airlines, live in Navarre, FL.

**Hillmon and Brandy (Long) Davis** are in Little Rock where he's associate pastor at Olivet Baptist and she's a medical student at UAMS.

## 1995

**Shawn Kemp** pastors Meadowbrook Baptist Church in Fort Worth while attending Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Wife, **LaRissa (Warren, '96)**, stays at home with children James 2 and Grace Elizabeth, born in July.

**Aaron Harvie and Monty Self** earned their master of divinity degrees from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY, in December.

**Michelle (Warren-Cook) Bell** is a territory representative with the pharmaceutical company, Wyeth-Ayerst. She and husband, **Brian ('94)**, live in Hot Springs, where he's marketing production coordinator for National Park Medical Center.

**Pete and Rebecca (King) Lake** recently moved into their new home in Lewisville, TX. He's account management supervisor for Con-Way Southern Express in Fort Worth.

**Holly (Dorsey) Russell** passed the CPA exam and is employed in Little Rock with Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Advantage.

**Mandi Loomis** resides in Chicago where she's employed by day in the sales department at the House of Blues Hotel, and by night sings with her blues and R&B band.

**Jennifer (Obermeyer) Major (fs)** is a flight attendant for American Airlines. She and husband, Trace, an Army lieutenant, are living in Germany.

**Misty (Williams) Vann** is a recruiter for Snelling, an employment service company in Little Rock. She and husband, David, live in Cabot.

## 1996

**Mark and Dusti (Raley, '98) Hurst** are in New Orleans, where he's a dental student at LSU School

of Dentistry, and she teaches 7th grade at Crescent City Baptist School under former Rho Sigma and '78 graduate, **Jerry Riggs**.

**Carey Richardson** completed his master's degree in community counseling from Stephen F. Austin State University in December 1998 and is working as counselor at a crisis center for children and youth in Bryan, TX.

**Andrea (Leagans) McCrary** teaches at Lakeside Middle School in Hot Springs. She and husband, **Matthew (current student)** live in Arkadelphia.

**Denise Wilhelm** teaches third grade at Anne Watson Elementary in Bigelow, AR, and is working on her master's in reading.

**Holly (Lansford) Brogdon** teaches 5th grade in Allen, TX, and husband, Brandon, is an account executive for The Richards Group in Dallas.

**Kellee McCoy** and wife, Natali, live in Concord, CA, where he's worship and music leader at Clayton Valley Church.

**Nickole Jolly and Christy Bonner** recently passed the CPA exam. Nickole is an accountant with Thomas & Thomas, CPA, and Christy's an accountant with Moore Stephens & Frost, CPA.

**Dorothy Jo McCarty** lives in Fort Smith and is receptionist for River Valley Neurology Clinic.

## 1997

**Jared and Mandi (Cozart) Hodges** are in Little Rock where he's an instructor with United Cerebral Palsy and she's a new patient representative with Ark. Otolaryngology Center while seeking her RN degree at Baptist School of Nursing.

**Mark Lenow** is attending Mississippi State, seeking a degree in turfgrass management. He plans to work on golf courses after graduation.

**Gavin Falkner (fs)** is an EMT-A at Baptist Medical Center of Arkadelphia and is enrolled in a paramedics course at Henderson State.

**Tim Oosterhous** has taken a leave of absence from Yellowstone National Park and is working on his master's degree in forestry at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, TX.

**Guy Lyons** has been appointed to a two-year overseas assignment as ISC overseas

correspondent with SBC International Mission Board.

**Shannon Duke and Matt Buffalo** were selected as members of the dance company for the 1999 Miss USA pageant televised in February on CBS. Both live in Branson, MO, where they're members of the dance company for the Mel & Pam Tillis 1999 show at the Mel Tillis Theatre.

**Jennifer (Williams) Petray** is a customer service rep for Aromatique in Heber Springs, and husband, Jeff, is part owner of North Arkansas Wood Products.

**Ashley Guilbert (fs)** joined "The NuNation Tour," a backup group for gospel soul singer and Grammy-nominated Kirk Franklin, last November. She performed at the 41st Grammy Awards in February with "One Nation Crew," a young hiphop group who sang alongside Franklin. She has also performed at the Motown Music's Image Awards, the gospel Stellar Awards and Dove Awards.

**Stuart and Penny (Erion, Dec. 95) Ray** have moved to Knoxville, TN, where he is operations manager for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and she teaches elementary music.

**Kristen Tache** teaches second grade in San Antonio (TX) Independent School District.

**Ginny (Loarie) Weber** is adjuster for Farmers Insurance in Peoria, IL, and husband, Bob, is development engineer for Caterpillar, Inc.

**April Heintz** is associate account executive for Heathcott Associates Advertising Agency in Little Rock. Friends can reach her at [April@heathcott.com](mailto:April@heathcott.com).

**Davey and Melissa (Rogers, '98) Jones** are in Nashville, AR, where he coaches and she teaches at the junior high school.

**Jerrold Gaither** received his MBA in May from Louisiana State University and will join the accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche, at their Dallas office in July.

**Shad Smith** teaches French in the Little Rock School District.

**Michael Treat** is associate pastor of student ministries at Central Baptist Church in Conway.

**Tim Gary** is computer analyst with SBC International Mission Board in Richmond, VA.

**Jason and Merideth (Arnn)**

**Holcomb** live in Little Rock where he's youth minister at Hebron Baptist Church and she's choral director at Benton Junior High School.

## 1998

**John Honey** is the community relations coordinator for Little Rock branch of Webster University, a private nonprofit liberal arts college based in St. Louis.

**Elizabeth "Liz" Smith** is seeking her master's degree in music theory at University of Texas in Austin, TX.

**Shannon and Shelley (Stricker) Hodges** have moved to Harrisburg, PA, where Shannon will be working for Alltel Corp.

**Dana Hubbard** is promotions director for the advertising firm of Williams Crawford & Associates in Fort Smith.

**William Welch** is assistant operations director for Star System, a nationally syndicated radio programming system in Austin, TX.

**Amber (Jackson) Rottinghaus** and husband, Michael, are both employed with Axiom Corp. in Conway.

**Todd Baker** is a second-year medical student at UAMS, and wife, **Laura (Burns)**, teaches reading at Jacksonville Elementary School. They live in Little Rock and are members of Fellowship Bible Church.

**Neal Satterfield** is patient accounts representative, data entry and technical support for MIT Associates and Community Church of Fort Smith.

## MARRIAGES:

### 1950

**John McClanahan** to Nelda "Sissie" Atkinson, November 7, 1998, Pine Bluff, AR.

### 1957

**Ina Sue (Jones) Jimerson** to Jerry L. Hill, January 11, 1999, Cabot, AR.

### 1975

**Jo Ann Lott** to Jerry Creek, March 20, 1999, Ashdown, AR.

### 1985

**Dana (Jones) Teel** to Ronald Lee Holiman, January 1, 1999, Poyen, AR.

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### LANCE CANSDALE

Ouachita graduate Lance Cansdale of Vancouver, Canada, is currently serving as head coach of the Canadian swimming and diving team participating in the World Cup competition at Hobart, Australia.

Cansdale is employed as a coach of Canada's largest club swimming and diving team in Vancouver.

He was a member of the Ouachita Tiger Sharks swimming and diving team his junior and senior years at Ouachita, 1983-84 and 1984-85, earning NAIA All America honors. He established several school records, three of which still stand in the 500, 1000, and 1650 freestyle.

Cansdale transferred to Ouachita from Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada.

After receiving his bachelor of science in education degree from Ouachita in 1986, Cansdale enrolled at TCU in Fort Worth, where he received his master's degree while serving as assistant coach for the Horned Frogs swimming and diving teams.

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**1987**  
**Joe Corbino** to Jessica Leigh Hulett, January 9, 1999, Las Vegas, NV.

**Patrick Patterson** to Christina Ann Reynolds, October 10, 1998, Dallas, TX.

**Tamie Tatum** to Jeff Hudson, December 6, 1997.

**1992**  
**Jeffrey P. Whitlow (fs)** to Ashley Brooke Bailey, December 12, 1998.

**1993**  
**Adam Carson (fs)** to Jenny M. Hubbard, November 14, 1998, Little Rock.

**1994**  
**Amy L. Beasley** to Gregory Alan Rose, November 21, 1998, Little Rock.

**Michele Edge** to Kerry Green, June 13, 1998, Pensacola, FL.

**1995**  
**Julie Snider** to Scott Ramsey, December 5, 1998, Rose Bud, AR.

**Denice Dawley** to Jason Randall Wagner, December 12, 1998, Arkadelphia.

**Amy Bell to Justin Seale ('98)**, February 20, 1999, Fordyce, AR.

**1996**  
**Kimberley Baker** to Hoyt Lovelace, December 31, 1998.

**Marcy Franks to Carl Davis ('97)**, December 19, 1998.

**Amy M. Fisher to Matthew B. Pryor**, December 19, 1998, Beebe, AR.

**1997**  
**Allison Leigh Miles** to Jay Alden Kennedy, January 3, 1998, Paragould, AR.

**Jennifer Williams** to Jeff Petray, May 2, 1998, Fordyce, AR.

**Shanda Fuller** to Donnie Lane, November 21, 1998, Amarillo, TX.

**Ginny Loarie** to Robert "Bob" Weber II, November 28, 1998, North Little Rock, AR.

**Roderick John Edwards** to Tonja Rochell Hart, December 19, 1998, Little Rock.

**Carrie Lee Cullphey (fs)** to Brian Heath Simpson, December 19, 1998, DeWitt, AR.

**Heidi N. Warren** to Mark W. Jansen, January 2, 1999, Fort Worth, TX.

**Joy Rebecca Barber** to Herman Lee White, February 6, 1999.

**1998**  
**Amber Jackson** to Michael Edward Rottinghaus, November 16, 1998, Ocho Rios, Jamaica.  
**Melissa Adams to Michael C. Carozza**, December 19, 1998,

North Little Rock, AR.

**Ann Browning to J. Doug Hibbard (current student)**, December 19, 1998, Arkadelphia.

**Steven Orsburn (Dec. '98)** to Holly Thomerson, December 19, 1998, Gurdon, AR.

**Aaron T. Black to Karen Beth Wood ('99)**, February 6, 1999, Magnolia, AR.

**Meredith Kelley to Ryan Hankins**, March 20, 1999, Benton, AR.

**Kenneth McClenny** to Edinolia Barbosa Gomes, March 20, 1999, Fort Worth, TX.

#### Current Students

**Jennifer Hillman to Cory W. Goode**, January 1, 1999, Almyra, AR.

**Noah Lee** to Sarah Raines, January 2, 1999, White Hall, AR.

#### BIRTHS:

**1978**  
**David and Rhonda (Sealy) Thigpen**, daughter Sealy Faith, February 5, 1999. Welcomed by brother Zane 8-1/2.

**1979**  
**Stan and Melissa Fendley**, son Carter Cranford, December 30, 1998.  
**Jeff and Sher (Lunningham) Craig**, son Andrew "Drew" Austin, October 1, 1998. Joins sisters, Laura 3 and Bailey 19 months.

**1983**  
**Robert "Bobby" and Susan Smith**, son Miles Christian Campbell, November 28, 1998.

**1984**  
**David and Kristy Mosley**, daughter Claire Amelia, October 1, 1998. Welcomed by Hope 4 and Jackson 2-1/2.

**1985**  
**Garry and Joan (Duke) Crowder**, son Preston Rhodes, December 8, 1998. (Garry is head coach of the Lady Tigers basketball team at Ouachita.)

**Greg and Susanne (McElroy) Ballard**, son Jeremy Clay, August 24, 1998. Joins brother Josh 4.

**Mike and Laurie Seabaugh**, daughter Gracen Emily, January 27, 1999. Welcomed by sister Shelby 6 and brother Haydn 3.

**1987**  
**Richard and Becca (Petty) Stipe**, daughter Emily Caroline, December 22, 1998. Joins sister Mary Elisabeth 4-1/2.

**1988**  
**Pat and Michele Ponder**, daughter Kylee Renea, October 9, 1998.

**Tommy and Jenifer Johnson**, son Jeremiah, May 18, 1998.

**Mark and Angie (Shedd, fs) Schleiff**, daughter Susanna, August 20, 1998. Joins siblings Jessica 8, Ben 7, and Emily 2.

**1989**  
**Brad and Jennifer (Nix) Mooney**, son Nathan Carter, November 9, 1998.

**Mark and Dana (Graham, '90) Baggett**, son Thomas Graham, October 15, 1998. Joins siblings, Hannah Catherine 7, Christopher Mark 4 and Andrew Hunter 2.

**1990**  
**Phillip and Tracy (Niven) Myers**, daughter Hayley Grace, December 12, 1998, Allen, TX. Joins brother Trent 2.

**Brad and Sharon (Baggett) Amberger**, son Ryan Thomas, September 11, 1998.

**Jake and Carol (Warren) Tyree**, daughter Katie Elizabeth, January 31, 1999.

**1991**  
**Joel and Sharon Humphrey**, daughter Kamryn Rose, October 26, 1998.

**1992**  
**Bill and Angela (Bell) Magers**, son Zachary Robert, October 4, 1998.

**1993**  
**Scott and Kim Schrader**, daughter Lauren Elizabeth, June 18, 1998.

**Andy and Holly (Clark) Jayroe**, daughter, Melody May, November 11, 1998. Joins 2-year old brother Denver.

**Jay (fs) and Keri Parrack**, daughter Kaylyn Joy, June 29, 1998.

**Cameron and Sloan (Barrett, '92) Hedrick**, daughter Emma Grace, September 14, 1998. Welcomed by sister, Abigail 2-1/2.



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1994

**Jeff and Christy (Akins) Brawner**, daughter Anna Catherine, October 14, 1998.

**Dwayne and Leslie (Tipton, '97) Whitten**, daughter Dacey Elizabeth, January 19, 1999.

**Robby and Natalie (McDaniel) Sherman**, daughter Katelyn Noelle, December 17, 1998.

**Travis and Teresa (Boyd, '96) McCormick**, daughter Regan, February 22, 1999.

1995

**Shawn and LaRissa (Warren, '96) Kemp**, daughter Grace Elizabeth, July 11, 1998. Joins 2-year old brother James Nathaniel.

**Pete and Rebecca (King) Lake**, daughter Charlee Rose, October 20, 1998. Welcomed by brother James 2-1/2.

1996

**Carlos and Jennifer (Snowden) Ropa**, daughter Lydia Isabel, December 28, 1998.

**Allen and Teri (Sherman) Morton**, daughter Madelyn Nancy, January 11, 1999.

1997

**Zac and Tiffeny (Thompson, '95) Crow**, son Caleb Aaron, January 3, 1999.

**Chris and Stacey (Brooks) Eley**, son Aaron Christopher, December 31, 1998.

**Mike and Amy (Campbell, '98) Floyd**, son Aaron Jacob, February 3, 1999.

## Faculty/Staff

**Grant and Melissa (Jolley) Pate**, daughter Katherine Paige, February 18, 1999. (Grant is instructor in physical education, assistant men's basketball coach and head cross country coach at Ouachita; Melissa is daughter of Drs. Woody and Freddie Jolley. Freddie is associate professor of education at OBU.)

## DEATHS:

1924

**Clara (Boswell) McClendon**, November 15, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

1928

**William H. Power**, January 1, 1999, McAlester, OK.

1932

**Mildred "Mimi" (Watkins) Shuffield (fs)**, December 22, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

1933

**Steed Rountree**, October 6, 1998, Gainesville, FL.

1934

**Blanche (Fleming) Marler**, November 24, 1998, Alexandria, LA.

**J. R. Rhodes**, December 14, 1998, DeValls Bluff, AR.

**Col. Aubrey Halsell**, February 25, 1999, Plano, TX.

1935

**Emma Jean (Batte) Stiles (fs)**, December 1, 1997, Houston, TX.

**R. Bennie Johnson**, February 8, 1999, Dallas, TX.

**A. Josephine (Cannon) Welch**, February 26, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR.

1938

**Ralph Keller**, February 2, 1997 (notified 2/99), Houston, TX.

**Mary Ford (Sale) Mackey**, December 31, 1998, Augusta, AR.

1939

**Walter N. Gardiner**, August 5, 1998, Aurora, CO.

**C. Richard Samuel**, January 29, 1999, Magnolia, AR.

1940

**Edward Paul Myers (fs)**, December 12, 1998, Memphis, TN.

**Minnie (Lasater) Harness (fs)**, date unknown (notified 12/98).

1942

**Margaret Ellen (Gardiner) Odom**, November 1, 1997, Pineville, LA.

1943

**Akers Pence Johnson (a.k.a., Fannie Mae Akers)**, December 11, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

1946

**Emma Frances (Yeager) Griffith**, December 13, 1998, Bearden, AR.

1948

**Hazel (Cain) Tate**, December 6, 1998, Batesville, AR.

1949

**Maxine (McCarley) Passons**, December 25, 1998, Sparta, TN.

**Rose June (Stone) Graham**, January 15, 1999, Greenbrier, AR.

1950

**Charles E. Meltabarger, Jr.**, January 9, 1999, Little Rock, AR.

**Betty (Toliver) Stone**, January 10, 1999, Phoenix, AZ.

**Janie (Nooner) Sullivan**, date unknown (notified 12/98).

**Betty L. Orr**, February 27, 1999, Ruston, LA.

**Mary Kathleen (Hillard) Gober**, March 1, 1999, Ozark, AR.

1952

**Ronald Bracken (fs)**, February 20, 1999, Hot Springs, AR.

1955

**W. Eugene Keeland**, June 30, 1998, Oak Grove, AR.

**Loy W. Garner**, December 10, 1998, Gurdon, AR.

1956

**Von Melrose Brashears**, December 1997 (notified 1/99).

**Pat Titworth**, December 7, 1998, Malvern, AR.

1957

**E. Truett Murphy**, November 8, 1998, Imboden, AR.

1958

**Barbara (Steelman) Stone**, November 28, 1998, El Dorado, AR.

1959

**Jerry M. Houghton**, July 6, 1997, El Dorado, AR.

1961

**Grady Anthony "Tony" Grisby (fs)**, December 11, 1998, Malvern, AR.

1962

**Joyce E. (Brown) Deaton**, November 26, 1997, Little Rock, AR.

1963

**Audrie (Reecer) Cantrell**, February 23, 1999, Arkadelphia, AR.

1964

**William K. "Bill" Eubanks**, December 29, 1998, Little Rock, AR.

1965

**Jim L. Dwiggin**, February 2, 1999, Hot Springs, AR.

1966

**Robert "Bob" Pierce**, February 15, 1999, Arlington, TX.

1967

**Ronald I. Munn, Sr.**, August 22, 1998, Bossier City, LA.

1968

**Keith G. Brinkley (fs)**, January 29, 1999, North Little Rock, AR.

**Francie (Bass) Phelan (fs)**, February 7, 1999, Little Rock, AR.

1969

**George J. Davis (fs - MSE)**, October 10, 1998, Texarkana, TX.

1975

**Ron Jeffries**, killed in car accident in 1989 (notified 1/99).

1978

**Debra (Williams) Flournoy (fs)**, January 30, 1999, Waldo, AR.

1982

**Erma Jean Wofford (MSE)**, January 25, 1999, Brinkley, AR.

1990

**Mark Luckel (fs)**, notified February 18, 1999 by his father.

1994

**Eric M. Bonifant**, February 11, 1999, Nashville, TN.

## Friends

**Dora Kennedy Goff**, December 18, 1998, Arkadelphia, AR. (Mrs. Goff was a former dorm mom of Conger Hall.)



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It is axiomatic that the more you know about a particular subject, the more confident you are to deal with it. This is especially true when the subject is complex and baffling. In my work with Ouachita friends and alumni, I find that most people have little confidence in their understanding of estate planning issues. As a result, they tend to procrastinate on even the basic requirements, sometimes until it's too late.

There are no "simple" plans. Whether the planner is wealthy or not, he or she is directing the disposition of resources accumulated over a lifetime to the people and entities closest to his or her heart. At stake may be the financial security of a spouse, the ongoing care of a disabled child, avoiding hundreds of thousands of dollars in unnecessary taxes and fees, or possibly making sure a cherished heirloom ends up in the hands of the person the planner promised it to. These are vitally important matters. Folks want to know that their goals will be met down the line.

Whatever your needs and desires, if you are at a standstill on your estate plans because you don't have the information that will give you assurance to move ahead, I will be pleased to assist you. If you are choosing a charitable provision, you may find that you can incorporate a gift to Ouachita without significantly affecting other beneficiaries. In fact, by using a Wealth Remainder Trust plan, both heirs and the charitable entity end up with more. My phone number is 870-245-5169.

## Escape the "Catch 22" of U.S. Savings Bonds

Did you purchase government savings bonds years ago? Have you been letting the interest on them accumulate ever since? Look what will happen if you decide to finally make use of them.

- If you cash the bonds, you'll be required to pay regular income tax on the interest, which in this case is the difference between your purchase price and the current value.
- If you try to transfer the bonds to someone else's name, you'll generate the same taxable interest income for yourself as if you had cashed the bonds.
- If you never cash them and after your death the bonds go to the successor owner you've named, that person will be required to pay tax on the income from the accumulated interest.

Is there any way to make use of the bonds without triggering the tax? Yes! You can put a provision in your will that says your savings bonds will become the property of a charitable organization after your death. This may be your best way of making sure that 100% of the value of your bonds is used for a purpose you choose.

### An Example

If you want to make a charitable gift in your will\*, then give us Series E, EE, or HH savings bonds and leave your heirs other assets like stock. This will produce greater tax savings than if you give stock and your heirs the savings bonds.

	Bonds to Children	Stock to Children	Bonds or Stock to Charity
Market value	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Cost basis	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Taxable to recipient	\$10,000	0	0
Tax at 28% rate	\$2,800	0	0
Amount left for beneficiary	\$12,200	\$15,000	\$15,000

### Find Out More

For a confidential discussion of your particular situation, please call us. We'll be glad to find a plan that benefits you, your family, and our mission.

\*Generally, transfer of ownership to a charitable organization during your lifetime will still trigger taxable income for you on the accumulated earnings.

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# An Overview of Estate Planning

Estate planning can be described as the process of transferring assets, during life as well as at death, to ensure that they are distributed in the manner the estate owner wishes. Although saving taxes is a priority, most important is the estate owner's desire to transfer assets to the people he or she wants, in the proper amount and with the proper timing.

Here are just a few things to keep in mind:

- Too many people die without a valid will, the bedrock of an estate plan, leaving others to guess at what the decedent would have wished.
- While tax reduction is a legitimate and proper consideration (and the main focus of this article), the benefits of estate

planning are not limited to those with taxable estates.

- The process of planning an estate is often complex and should always involve the assistance of an attorney who specializes in this area.
- The planning process should not begin too late. Death often comes unexpectedly, and each of us needs to give thought to how we want to distribute what we own.
- Charitable giving techniques in an estate plan can help achieve personal goals and reduce taxes, as well as advance a favorite cause in the long run.

## The Tax Considerations

Any person who dies in 1999 with an estate of less than

\$650,000 will be subject to no federal estate tax, assuming no taxable lifetime gifts were made. This amount is scheduled to increase to \$1 million by the year 2006. Therefore, the federal government does not tax many estates.

Yet, more and more people are discovering that the value of their estates has been rising over the years, especially if they own publicly traded securities or real estate, assets that have generally appreciated despite the ups and downs of the marketplace. Thus, tax planning has become a component of estate planning for many more people in recent years.

Two keys to good planning for reduction of taxes in an estate are the marital deduction and the

charitable deduction. Though married people tend to have more tax-saving options than single people, if saving taxes is important to you, take advantage of the fact that any transfer to a charitable organization is tax-free.

## Ask Us for Details

We can provide you with information about ways that charitable giving plans can be incorporated into your estate plans to accomplish your overall objectives. You may find some of them more beneficial than you ever dreamed!

Call us for a confidential, no-obligation discussion of your particular situation. Our goal is to make sure that any gift you make to us is also the best one for you and your family.

## Sharing Your Plans

Estate planning is a personal process, and you may be reluctant to disclose your decisions to your heirs or any charitable organizations that you plan to benefit. However, there are several good reasons to do just that.

### Telling Your Family

Talking about the plans that you've made for your own possible medical care, the distribution of your estate, and even for your funeral, burial, or memorial service can be uncomfortable. But it can also prevent unnecessary grief for your loved ones later.

When you communicate your desires to your family and friends, you relieve them of the burden of making decisions at what will be a trying time in their lives. That's why it's often important to share with them the contents of relevant estate-planning documents.

### Telling Us

If you make a bequest to Ouachita in your will, we would welcome the opportunity to acknowledge your commitment and honor you. Too many times, we are able to say "thank you" only to the survivors of our generous supporters.

If you wish to remain anonymous to the public, we understand and will abide by those wishes. But oftentimes, telling other supporters about the types of gifts we receive can generate new gifts, so you can lead by example if we know about your plans!

Also, just like any organization that strives to be efficient and yet make ambitious plans for the future, we always need to keep in sight expectations of what we can accomplish. Knowledge of your estate plans, when combined with information from other benefactors, helps give shape to your plans for future efforts.

Whether you reveal your intended gifts or not, please know that we'll respect your wishes, and that we're always thankful for your generosity.

## Document Checklist

- ☐ Current will
- ☐ Durable power of attorney
- ☐ Insurance policies
- ☐ Trust documents
- ☐ Living will
- ☐ Special instructions

## Estate Planning for Married Couples

**Goal:** The most common overall consideration for married couples is to ensure that the surviving spouse has enough to continue living comfortably for the remainder of his life.

**Means:** **Marital deduction.** The federal tax laws permit spouses to give an unlimited amount to each other during life, as well as at death. Thus, a spouse who dies with a multi-million dollar estate is able to leave the entire amount to the other spouse at death with no federal tax consideration.

**Credit shelter trust.** Even though the first spouse to die is able to transfer his or her entire estate to the other spouse without tax consideration, couples should be aware of ways to reduce taxes as much as possible at the surviving spouse's death, as well. Each spouse has an amount exempt from estate tax (\$650,000 for 1999), but when the first spouse to die leaves everything to the surviving spouse, the first spouse's exemption is wasted. Only the surviving spouse's exemption will be used at the second death. However, to ensure that both spouse's exemption amounts are used (\$1,300,000 for deaths that occur in 1999), married couples can establish credit shelter trusts.

**Charitable deduction.** Couples who wish to be charitable, yet who want to provide an income to the surviving spouse, often establish a life-income gift that will ultimately help charitable organizations. For example, a person can establish a charitable remainder trust that pays income to both spouses until the first death, and then to the surviving spouse. After that person's death, the assets in the trust are transferred to one or more charitable organizations. Properly written, such a trust will ensure that no estate taxes are due (since the income amount for the surviving spouse is not subject to tax because of the marital deduction, and the remaining amount in the trust is granted a charitable deduction).

## Estate Planning for Single People

**Goal:** A frequent objective for single people (widowed, never married, or no longer married) is to ensure that assets are transferred to the desired people and causes with minimal taxation, despite the fact that the marital deduction is unavailable.

**Means:** **Annual gift tax exclusion.** People are allowed to make tax-free gifts each year to anyone, up to the amount of \$10,000 per donee. Also, gifts for tuition and medical expenses can qualify for an unlimited exclusion, if certain rules are observed. By taking advantage of the opportunity to make tax-free gifts during life, single people can reduce the size of a taxable estate.

**Charitable deduction.** Donating assets to a charitable organization eliminates estate tax on them. This is most commonly accomplished through a will, which allows the person complete use of all the assets until his or her death. However, those who wish to make gifts to non-charitable heirs and who also wish to help charitable organizations often use part of their estate to establish a charitable trust. The trust can generate an immediate life-income for the single person before the remainder passes to one or more charitable organizations, and the other part of the estate can be distributed to heirs. This maximizes tax savings because a charitable trust generates a current income tax deduction, and the amount given to charitable organizations at death avoids any estate taxes that would otherwise be due.

## Finding Peace of Mind Through an Up-to-Date Estate Plan

For more information about estate planning options, return this form for our free booklet, *Finding Peace of Mind Through an Up-to-Date Estate Plan*.

- ☐ I have already made a provision for Ouachita through:  
☐ my will; ☐ a life insurance policy; ☐ a trust arrangement.  
☐ Please provide me with the free booklet.  
☐ I have a specific question. The best time to call is \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.  
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